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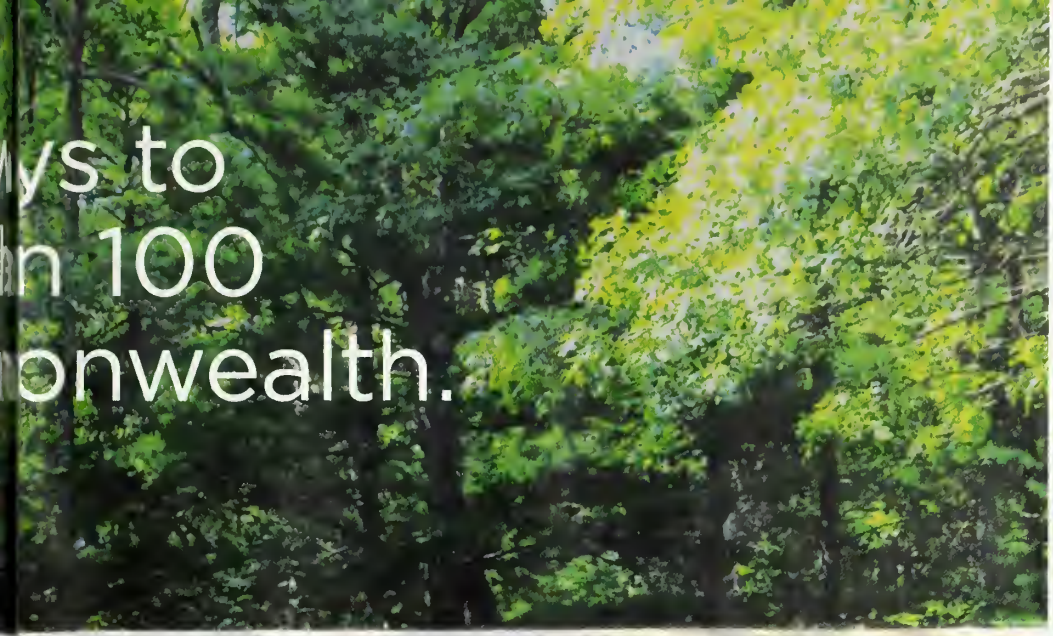

The Trustees' Youth Conservation Corps programs provide high-quality jobs and educational opportunities for kids, offering them experience in environmentally based, conservation, and agricultural activities. YCC projects are designed in response to community needs and developed in partnership with local organizations and citizen groups. The goal? To inspire them to care for their local open spaces. This past year's participants are pictured here at the year-end rally at Rocky Woods in Medfield.

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I am pleased to report on a second year of excellent progress in achieving the goals of our five-year strategic plan. We have focused our efforts to strategically create new reservations that will maximize engagement. We have made significant progress in restoring our iconic historic properties and bringing them to life with engaging programming. And we have stepped up our efforts to play a more significant role in the locally grown, healthy food movement. We have been able to make major investments in these areas while also growing revenues and staffing levels, all while maintaining a balanced budget.

We have focused our acquisitions strategy on those potential future reservations that will have the highest likelihood of visitation. We have identified those remaining properties in Massachusetts that are truly iconic and have unique character and irreplaceable natural or cultural significance. A great example is the recently acquired Governor Oliver Ames Estate in North Easton which has large nearby populations, an incredible Olmsted landscape and Richardson designed structure, and productive agricultural fields. Similarly we purchased the Allen C. Haskell nursery in New Bedford, a uniquely large parcel in an urban area which now will become a public garden with agricultural and horticultural programming targeted to the local audience. We also added significantly to our Monument Mountain Reservation in the Berkshires, one of our most highly visited properties.

Since our mission is not just to protect, but to also to connect, we have also redoubled our efforts to tell more people about our work with the goal of enticing them to visit, to support, to engage, and to participate. An increase in press coverage and a renewed approach to visitor amenities and services has allowed more visitors and members to enjoy our properties on their own terms and has resulted in longer visits.

As we intensify our efforts to restore and program our major historic properties, I am pleased to report that we are within $5 million of reaching our goal of $25 million for this initiative. This has enabled the completion of two phases on the Naumkeag garden restoration and a nearly completed Casino restoration at Castle Hill, along with several new efforts related to technology and programming. All of this work is being done to attract new and broader audiences to these sites who come to learn about and become inspired by Massachusetts' incredible role in American history.

> "Our mission is not just to protect, but to connect."

We continue to confirm that our neighbors and friends want to experience our agricultural properties by enjoying fresh locally grown food and by joining classes and workshops on cooking and nutrition. Watch for more growth in our agricultural strategy as we learn more about how to connect the public to our many farms. One example of our work in this area is Powisset Farm where we have just opened a new Cooks program similar to the one at Appleton Farms. We will also soon be in downtown Boston as the programming partner of the Boston Public Market.

For the coming year, we have established another set of ambitious goals, all tied to our strategic plan. I look forward with optimism to reporting back to you on that progress next year. Trustees President Barbara Erickson and her staff have proven their capacity to respond to current challenges with innovative solutions that move the organization forward. It is because of their hard work that we are in such good health, and poised to enjoy another outstanding year.

David D. Croll
Chair, Board of Directors

After another year of exciting growth, progress, and momentum, I am pleased to reflect that our mission remains the same as ever—to protect places of exceptional ecological, cultural, and historical significance throughout Massachusetts, and to make them accessible to the public. With renewed focus, we acknowledge that our approach and execution has had to be nimble, responsive, and visionary. We must actively assert the importance, the relevance, the liveliness, and the irreplaceable beauty of our properties to a public enthralled by digital distractions and exhausted by the demands of the everyday.

Barbara Erickson (center with yellow sweater) with the statewide Executive Team at The Eleanor Cabot Bradley Estate in Canton.

Our five-year strategic plan, *The Path Forward*, now into its second year, is about breaking through. It's about maintaining and improving our properties—whether they're farms, forests, rivers, gardens, or houses—so that they can tell the best, most vivid stories about themselves, their pasts, and the people who cared for them. It's about reaching new audiences, especially by encouraging local populations to visit, explore, and enjoy the opportunities just next door. It's about focusing our resources by acquiring only the most important properties—those places that capture something about our natural world and cultural heritage that no other place does.

As I have worked with staff throughout the state I have witnessed how we are uniquely poised to offer vibrant, authentic experiences to audiences eager to connect—to place, to people, to nature, to our shared past. Our ongoing restoration of Naumkeag, a highlight of Gilded Age architecture and landscape design, continues to uncover the stunning details of its artistry; just as exciting, however, are the programming possibilities it is also revealing. Sometimes, the brick and mortar can feel like the easiest fixes and the conceptual and programmatic more challenging. We push ourselves to think of new ways to enliven these points in history not as static anecdotes but as growing and living ideas which can speak to visitors today.

Last year, we also launched Appleton Cooks! a year-long program of cooking workshops, casual dinners, and formal events that spotlight the bounty of the Appleton Farms reservation and the expertise of the farmers who make it possible. Through our commitment to helping residents find and source locally grown food, we have furthered the connection to the land and all that it can yield. In that sense, I am especially pleased to announce that we have recently signed a formal agreement with the Boston Public Market, the City's first permanent farmer's market in Boston's North End. The Trustees will serve as the official programming arm of the Market, further extending our influence in the areas of food, nutrition, and farming.

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I would not be nearly as optimistic as I am about our prospects if not for my confidence in the accomplished staff and dedicated volunteers who make all of our work possible. Our 2013 Employee of the Year, Meryl LaTronica, has helped shepherd Powisett Farm as it expands its facilities, enriches its programs, and grows its CSA. Across the state, staff have met the extraordinary challenges of this moment with zeal, professionalism, and creativity. They are aided by a corps of devoted volunteers who complete tasks of great and small; they garden at Long Hill, restore habitat in Copicut Woods, and build trails at Mount Warner and on and on; they enthusiastically apply their skills and passions to advancing this organization's fundamental mission. We look to the years ahead from a solid promontory. In the midst of a world of tremendous change and uncertainty, I am so proud of our organization's dedication to a purpose both simple and profound, both timeless and evergreen.

Barbara Erickson

Barbara J. Erickson
President & CEO

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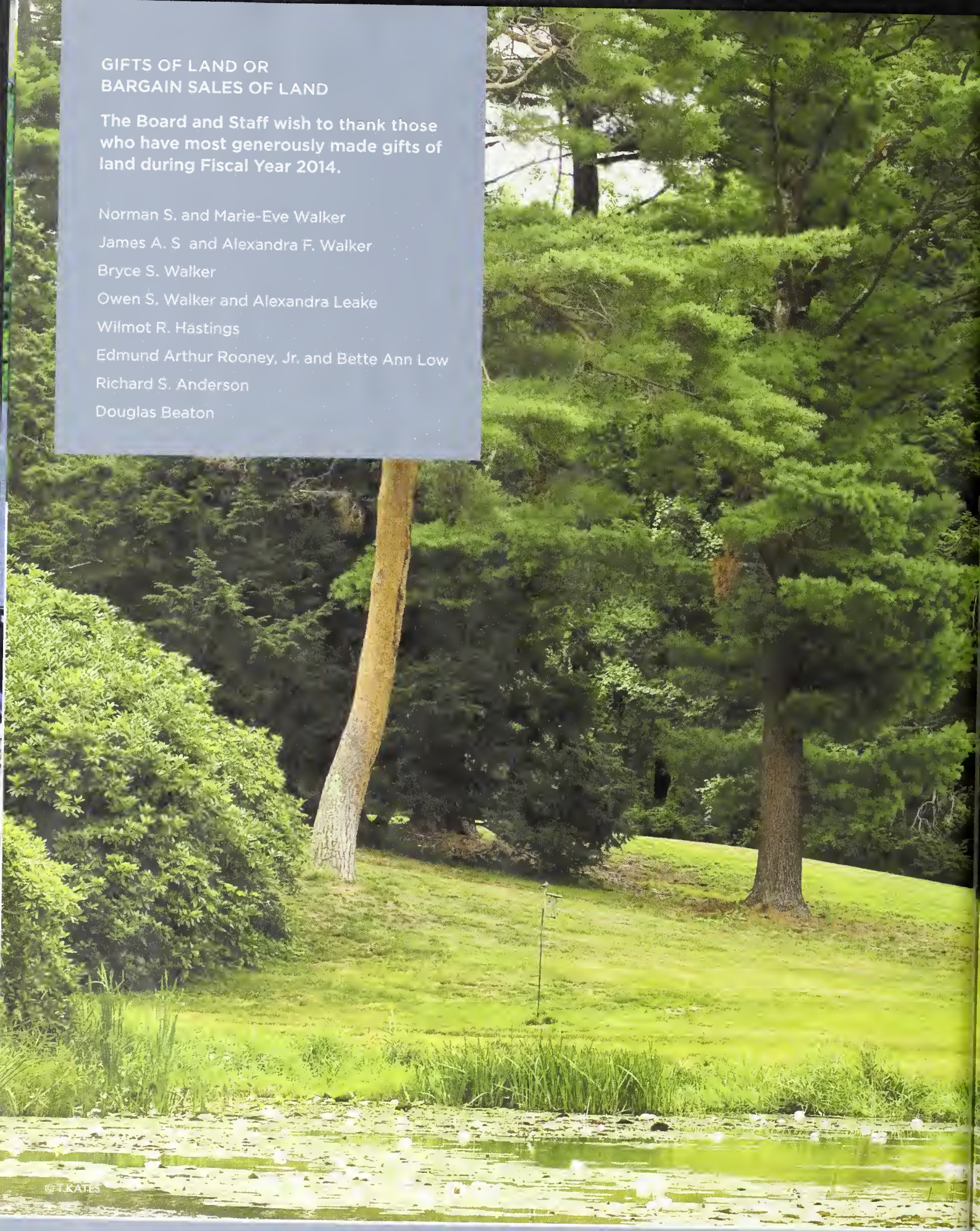

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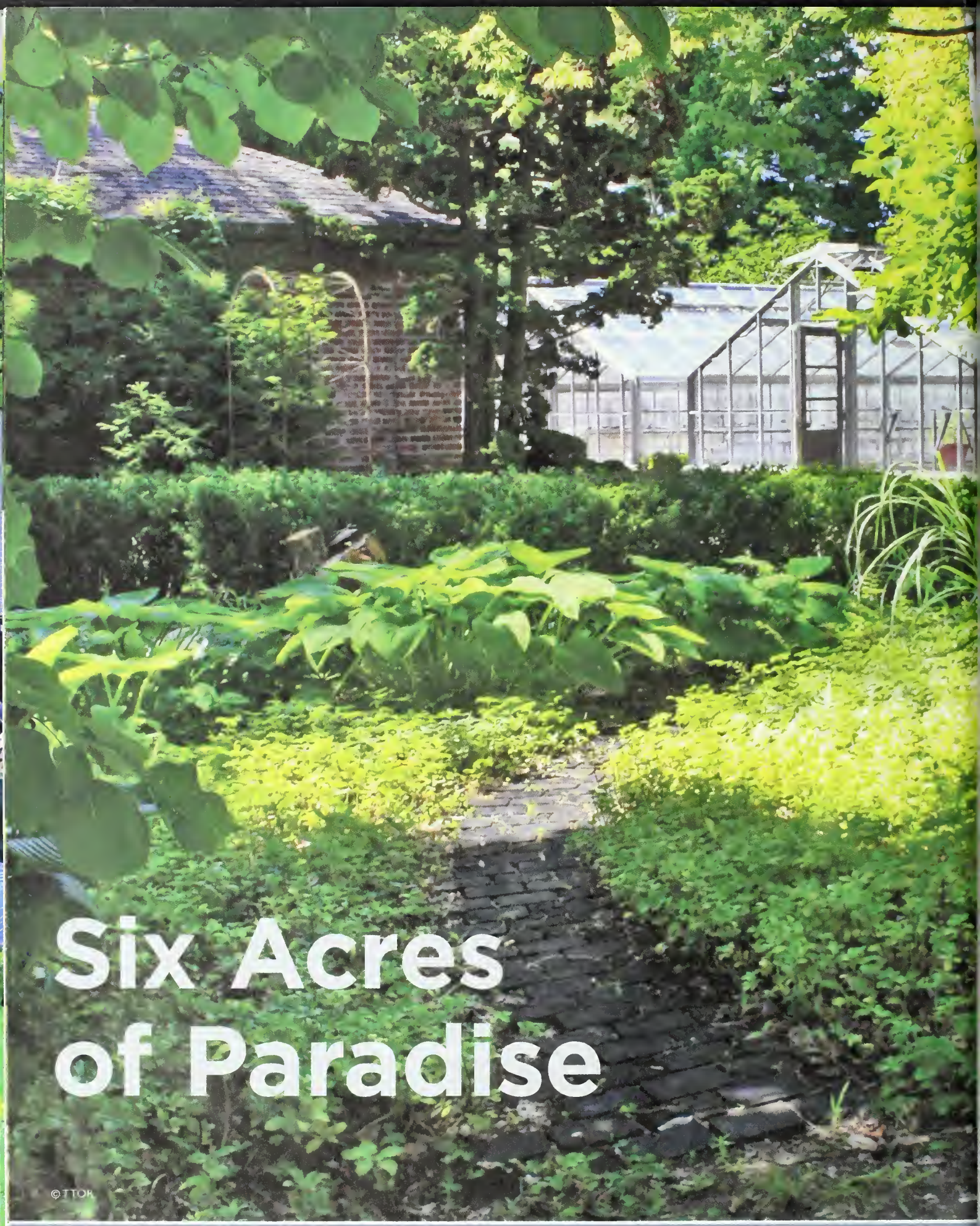
Protect

Protecting special places requires different approaches; from the traditional model of buying or acquiring properties, to assisting in the protection of land and cultural sites through other entities or individuals. Conservation restrictions are a powerful tool to help us carry out our work. By partnering with private landowners we can ensure the permanent conservation of their property as protected open space.

We worked to secure a conservation restriction on The Langwater Estate a 13-acre site of deep historical and cultural significance adjacent to The Trustees' Governor Oliver Ames Estate in North Easton. The conservation restriction permanently protects the key portions of the estate, safeguarding the bucolic views of rolling fields, meadows and ponds for all to enjoy.



Six Acres of Paradise

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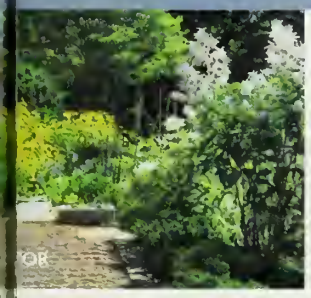
Upon its October opening, Allen C. Haskell Public Gardens will be a community sanctuary—in one of the state's largest cities—that The Trustees are bringing to life with an exciting, fresh approach.



BY JEFF HARDER

It was the mid-1980s, and Allen Haskell was pulling up weeds around his New Bedford nursery, when a chauffeured Mercedes appeared alongside him. Rachel Lambert Mellon—wife of Paul Mellon, then one of the wealthiest men in the country—was in the back seat, dispatched by former first lady Jacqueline Onassis in search of a Mr. Haskell to supply plants for her daughter Caroline's wedding in Hyannisport. The chauffeur behind the wheel asked where they might track him down.

Haskell, stained with soil and contrasting the luxury car before him, stood and said, "You've found him."

A homegrown horticultural luminary, Haskell's skills as a plantsman drew high-profile clients from around the world—including Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands, Martha Stewart, and countless others—to his six manicured acres off of Shawmut Avenue in New Bedford. And on October 26, The Trustees of Reservations plans to open Allen C. Haskell Public Gardens, a former commercial nursery whose transformation speaks to a different, exciting approach for The Trustees—one in which iconic places can be shaped as well as safeguarded.

Outside of a stint at the Bristol County Agricultural School, Haskell—born and raised in New Bedford—was largely self-taught. "He'd paw through books, he'd see things, and he'd immediately understand," says Gene Bertrand, a master gardener who worked alongside Haskell for 30 years. "He was a child prodigy." He had a flair for artistry as well: Bertrand recalls one of Haskell's gardens displaying 47 varieties of hosta, the shifts in hue resembling a watercolor painting.

Haskell's canvas was his commercial nursery in the center of New Bedford. Along with greenhouses, nursery flats, and meticulously maintained gardens, there were vestiges of the city's agrarian past: stone walls, an 1860 farmhouse, and the 1725 Hathaway House, which Haskell called home. The property remained a splendid secret amidst hard streets: a housing project kid who grew to be executive director of a local foundation remembers sneaking around Haskell's nursery, then reporting back to her friends that she discovered paradise, says John Vasconcellos, a New Bedford native and Southeast Regional Director for The Trustees.

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The nursery continued after Haskell passed away in December of 2004, but by 2012, the operation had uprooted, the gardens deteriorated, and the property went on the market. New Bedford officials told Vasconcellos of concerns over the property's development. "They reached out to The Trustees, and we hit the ground running," Vasconcellos says.

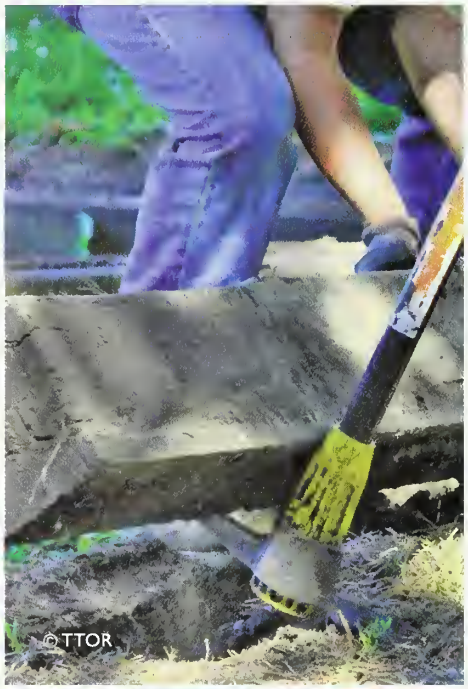
After a year and a half of fundraising and logistics, a deal with the Haskell family—who were eager to honor Allen's memory—put the land in the hands of The Trustees. As Vasconcellos sees it, the property's conversion into a community garden represents the same sentiments espoused by Trustees' founder Charles Eliot,

delivered to an environment that needs it the most. "Six acres is not going to tilt anybody's scale in the conservation world," Vasconcellos says. "But six acres that aren't a brownfield, in the middle of New Bedford with its 95,000 residents, is going to have an impact on the quality of life."

Upon completion, Allen C. Haskell Public Gardens will feature restorations of the greenhouses and uncommon plantings, a butterfly garden, a revival of the buildings and structures on the property, a bird habitat, and a large, grassy, common area to play host to classes, events, and informal get-togethers alike. Overall, the property is intended to simultaneously adapt and preserve the vision of its namesake: the bird area was inspired by the avian life on the old landscape, and the front display garden—the property's premiere area—has been shaped to recall the original space where Haskell showed off vibrant trees and plants for his customers. To bring the project to fruition, The Trustees collaborated with Boston's Utile and Cambridge's Reed-Hilderbrand to craft a design that retains Haskell's vision along with the property's centuries-old history. "It reaches back into the heritage of New Bedford as an agricultural community, and you'll be able to see the layers of history as you walk around," says Doug Reed, principal at Reed-Hilderbrand.

The $2 million raised for the project so far came from several contributors, including a $500,000 Gateway Cities Park Grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and a $150,000 donation from the Helen & William Mazer Foundation. "Part of our foundation's mission is to promote ecologically sustainable cities, and this seems like a major opportunity for New Bedford," said Steven Bercu, a director of the foundation, who also serves on The Trustees' Land Conservation Committee. "To have a place outdoors, where people can gather, learn about horticulture, and encounter the natural world, creates a desirable resource for the community."

In December 2013, The Trustees hired Kristin DeSouza as superintendent of the property.



South Coast Youth Conservation Corps members dig in to get the gardens into shape.

DeSouza joined forces with Bertrand, whom The Trustees hired on in April, to revitalize the property and create a botanical inventory of its plant specimens, among other projects. It's been many months of pruning, weeding, removing invasives, and recapturing Haskell's former vision, but the effort has already paid off, evidenced on the monthly garden walks DeSouza has led across the property. "It really is an oasis for the city," DeSouza says. "A lot of the residents that I talk with never knew this place existed. It's still a bit of a secret, and there are a lot of different layers to the garden. So an October opening will be quite lovely."

Though the property will be open to the public, it will still be a work in progress—not unlike New Bedford itself. Haskell, a native son who dirtied his hands and got the world to take notice, is a fitting role model for a city undergoing its own renaissance, plain to see downtown and all around. And Allen C. Haskell Public Gardens is a fitting venue for a community to celebrate the fruits of its labor.

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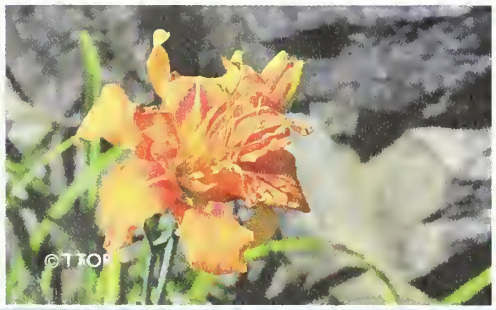

Mission Critical

The Trustees look beyond the borders for vital pieces of land to improve century-old properties.

BY MEG CICHON

When the murmur of a stream envelopes the senses and the bending trail beckons, the mind begins to wander: What if this trail stretched a little bit further? What if the borders of this forest stretched a little wider? What if there was more to experience in this already extraordinary place?

The Trustees of Reservations are always on the hunt for so-called "critical lands"—parcels that neighbor existing Trustees properties, and whose protection further enhances locations that have been safeguarded for generations. "Acquiring critical lands is fundamental to the conservation mission," says Rob Warren, The Trustees' Managing Director for Conservation. "Though we might have acquired a property 100 years ago, we didn't accomplish everything at that site. So we are thinking ahead, and not just reacting when a 'for sale' sign goes up. We're working to line these properties up for protection long before the opportunity arrives."

Acquisitions of critical lands are underway at Trustees properties across the state. Whitney and Thayer Woods in Cohasset have added 10 acres of lush forestland. Bear Swamp in Ashfield acquired a 27.7-acre private parcel that allows for the protection of ferns and other wildlife. In Worthington, the Hilltown Land Trust, a Trustees affiliate, acquired 62 acres of privately owned forestland. And recently, the addition of two critical lands more than doubled the acreage at Monument Mountain in Great Barrington (pictured above).

Though the profile of a critical land can change from one to the next, each shares a common attribute: critical lands are all meant to enhance existing Trustees properties. At each established Trustees location, a planning team gathers information about the habitat features, cultural significance, and ownership of the surrounding parcels of land, then determines if the land would be advantageous to the existing Trustees location. For instance, a property may hold a rare fauna marked for protection, or a pond ideal for recreation.

The planning team ranks each adjacent parcel from most to least critical. High-ranked lands can truly transform a Trustees location with new features and resources, such as reservation entry points, trails, and historical landmarks. Prospects that are ranked lower are often acquired for environmental protection or management controls, like parking lot expansion. In general, these assessments mean The Trustees can react quickly and knowledgeably when a landowner decides to sell or donate a desirable property.

This strategy helped lead to the acquisition of two high-value critical lands at the Monument Mountain reservation in Great Barrington, in which the addition of a 45-acre parcel at Flag Rock and a 280-acre Swann Trust property more than doubled the size of the site, which was first acquired 115 years ago. The increased space helps protect a wide range of species, including black bears, white-tailed deer, and bobcats, and it provides a new western access point to the mountain. Future plans include the construction and maintenance of more than two miles of hiking trails, several of which will lead to scenic destinations that include Flag Rock and the north summit. (See page 56 for an aerial view of Flag Rock.)

Over a span of 18 months, The Trustees worked with the Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game and private landowners to build support within the community and secure funding partners. Both critical landowners wanted to protect the integrity of the ecological resources while also establishing a memorable destination for visitors, according to Joanna Ballantine, Regional Director for The Trustees. "The landowners believe that The Trustees is the best organization regionally and statewide to not only protect the beauty of resources, but to bring the project to fruition," Ballantine says.

With each critical land gained, the environmental and recreational benefits multiply, and with a newly defined property border, new critical lands come under consideration for the future. The opportunities for acquisition are endless, Warren says. And with each acquisition, so are the opportunities for adventure.

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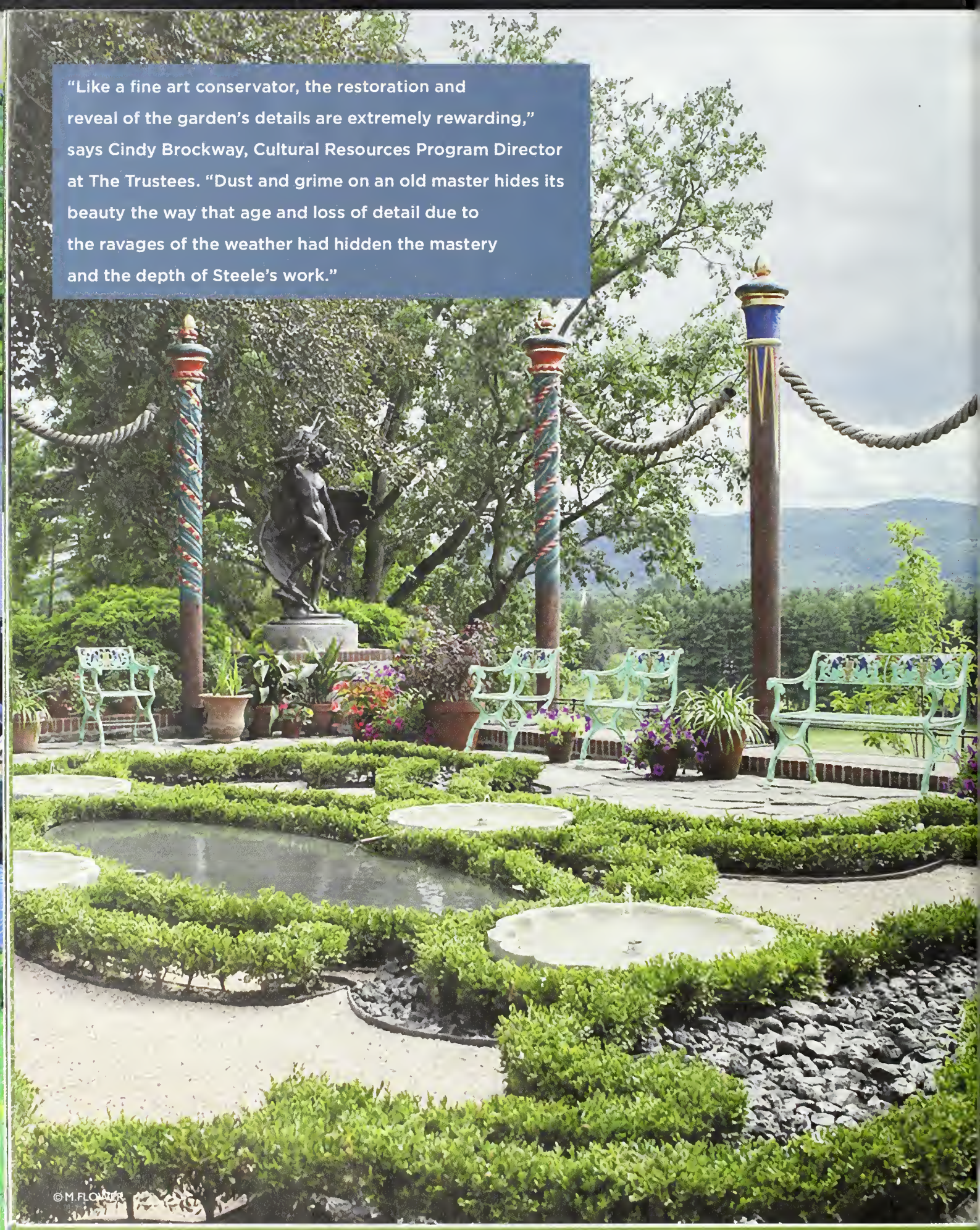
Steward

As suitable places to live dwindle for many species, The Trustees bear an increasing responsibility to the creatures that call our reservations home, and to restore habitat-types that were once ubiquitous across Massachusetts. With shovels in hand and funding from the Housatonic River Natural Resource Damages Fund, Trustees staff and volunteers have doubled the amount of floodplain forest along the banks of the Housatonic River at Bartholomew's Cobble in Sheffield (pictured here). By removing invasives and planting more than 1,700 flood-friendly saplings, a forest-type depleted by centuries of agriculture and industry will soon host innumerable species as it works to slow damaging floodwaters and rebuild healthy soil.

Meanwhile, creating young forest has been the goal at the 243-acre Mashpee River reservation on Cape Cod, where The Trustees are helping the New England cottontail rabbit to thrive in one of its few remaining refuges. With funding from the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the project reduced tree cover across 50 acres, encouraging the regeneration of dense foliage that provides the cottontail—and a multitude of other plants and wildlife—with a fighting chance at survival.



"Like a fine art conservator, the restoration and reveal of the garden's details are extremely rewarding," says Cindy Brockway, Cultural Resources Program Director at The Trustees. "Dust and grime on an old master hides its beauty the way that age and loss of detail due to the ravages of the weather had hidden the mastery and the depth of Steele's work."

THE PAST AS PRESENT

An ongoing restoration at Naumkeag sees its signature garden and historic home return to former glory.

BY MARK WAMSLEY

When visitors stroll through the gardens of Naumkeag, it's an exercise in challenging expectations, and the incongruous delights often begin with 17 vibrantly painted, Venetian-style gondola poles rising from the Berkshire bedrock of the Afternoon Garden. Although the garden was designed at the inception of a 30-year creative relationship between Naumkeag's owner Mabel Choate and renowned American landscape architect Fletcher Steele, it nonetheless fully expresses the pair's creative synergy, attention to detail, and often-outlandish choices—so much so that Choate proclaimed the Afternoon Garden her "joy and delight."

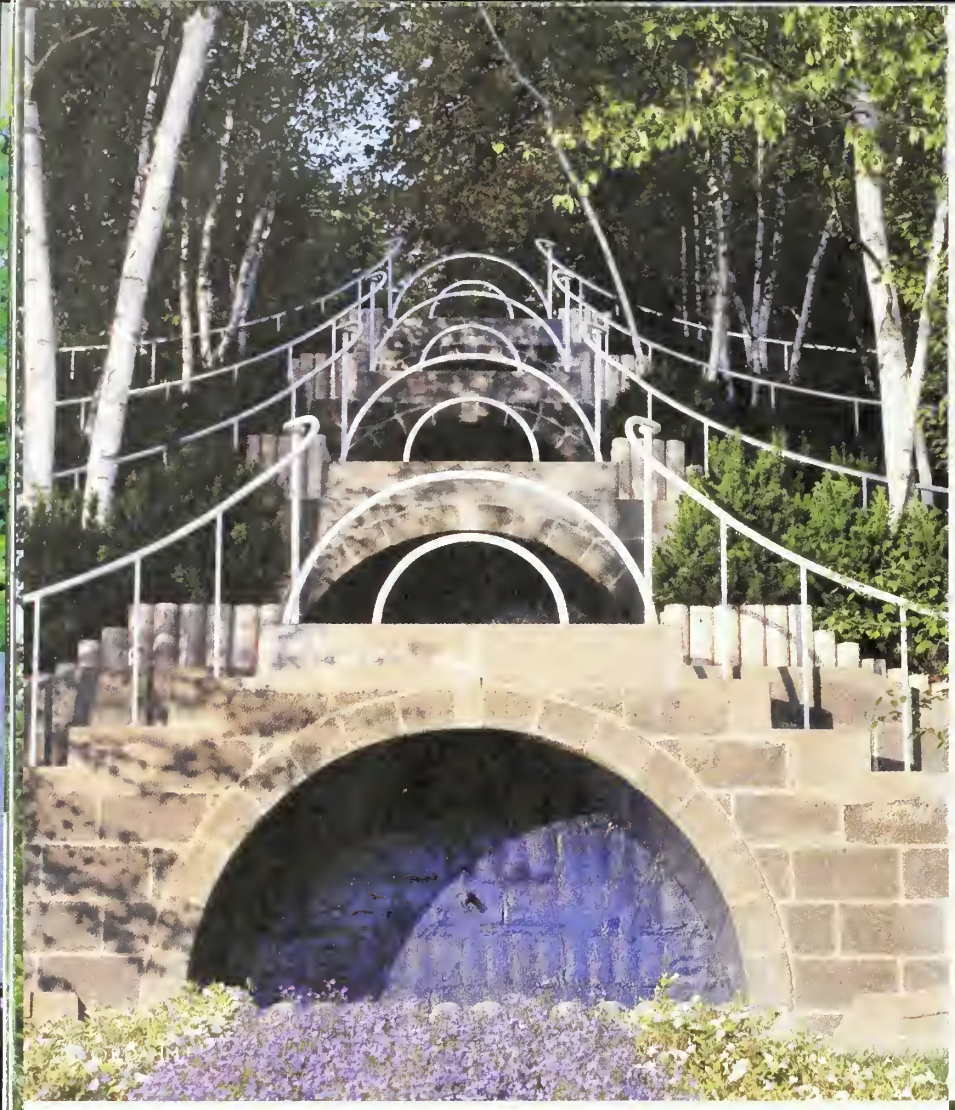
As one of the Stockbridge property's most significant and intricate outdoor spaces, this past year's restoration of the Afternoon Garden has renewed that sense of joy and delight while revealing a few surprises of its own. The project was part of the second phase of an ongoing, three-year effort to breathe new life into Naumkeag's grounds, a phase which also saw the installation of a new cedar-shingle roof on the main house, marking a magnificent return to its original 1886 appearance.

"One of the best preserved examples of a private estate from the American Country Place Era has taken a great leap forward with this most recent phase of restoration work," says Robin Karson, Executive Director of the Library of American Landscape History, whose research underpinned the garden restoration work. "The genius of Mabel Choate and Fletcher Steele is starting to shine through at Naumkeag as never before."

Originally conceived in 1926 as a simple space, the Afternoon Garden grew more complex over time. Inspired by outdoor garden rooms that Miss Choate had visited in California, Mexico, and the Mediterranean, the poles that graced the garden had been carved from old pilings pulled from Boston Harbor. Upon embarking on the 21st-century restoration, its entire palette of stonewalls, plant material, wooden structures, fountains, and an antiquated plumbing system needed to be deconstructed and painstakingly recreated. Preparation began by poring through thousands of documents, drawings, and photographs stored in The Trustees' Archive and Research Center (ARC). That research led to a fortuitous reunion with carver and artist Robert Shure, whose mentor had carved Naumkeag's original gondola poles back in 1928.

Eighty-six years later, Shure's Skylight Studios created precise replicas of the poles from locally grown oak timbers and replaced several fountains that had either been lost or damaged with time.

Naumkeag's Afternoon Garden gleams post-restoration (left). Last year's Blue Steps gala revelers (above) follow a New Orleans-style jazz band down to the Oak Lawn to enjoy dinner al fresco.



In addition, a legion of artists, students, researchers, and volunteers helped Trustees staff carry out the renovations. Wilson says that phase two involved 12 different contractors and craftspeople, over 400 hours of student service learning time, and incalculable expertise and energy from devoted supporters. Notably, volunteer student photographers from nearby Monument Mountain High School have been frequent visitors at Naumkeag, documenting the restoration process with photos and time-lapse video (and providing valuable reference material to a stonemason during the rebuilding an important garden wall).

Naumkeag has long been a place to experience the excitement of discovery, to embrace horticulture and landscape design, and to commune with the past. Today, its restoration bears out the truth embedded in words Mabel Choate spoke long ago: "Of all the works of man, the garden alone becomes more beautiful as the generations pass through it."

Mark Wamsley is The Trustees of Reservations' Public Relations Coordinator for the West Region.

The iconic Blue Steps (left) and reflecting pool (below) were also part of the stunning restoration project.

Mark Wilson, Curator of Collections for The Trustees, says that bringing Shure's artistic heritage to the project holds a deeper significance. "Fletcher Steele said that a good garden abounds with suggestions of the past and that nothing should look up to date. We really grounded the Afternoon Garden restoration on those principles, and reconnecting with Bob made it tangible."

Shedding tattered asphalt roof shingles provided another opportunity to burnish Naumkeag's patina, this time by revealing the original craftsmanship of the Choate's home, designed by esteemed architecture firm McKim, Meade, and White. Again armed with archival photos—and a preserved section of original roofing—contractors were able to interweave courses of sustainably harvested, Alaskan yellow cedar shingles around turrets and complexly curved dormers in a stunning replication of the house's original design. Supporters of the project were encouraged to buy and donate individual shingles, and many penned messages of thanks and well wishes on their undersides, which will serve to protect Naumkeag into the next century.

The critical mass of fiscal supporters who contributed to phase two of the restoration was in many ways its own incongruous and inspiring addition to the Gilded Age landscape. The restoration was built on a $1 million donation, which successfully rallied other contributors to equal that amount by September 2013 as part of The Trustees' Naumkeag Challenge match. The total project, spanning three years, will enter into the final phase in 2014, having raised a total of more than $3 million for the restoration.

Treasured Island

From shifting tides to relentless greenheads, the peculiar challenges of repairing the Proctor Barn on Long Island make the results all the more remarkable.

BY JACI CONRY

To see the Proctor Barn today, a rambling timber frame structure on Long Island in the Crane Wildlife Refuge, you'd never know that it has absorbed everything a coastal climate can dish out for close to two and a half centuries. High winds can lift shingles right off the roof. Wind-driven rain can push water into the building fabric.

But against the odds and elements, the Proctor Barn remains remarkably sturdy due to the diligent stewardship of The Trustees, who have maintained Long Island and its sibling Choate Island since 1974. The Proctor Barn stands as a reminder of the landscape's rich agricultural heritage, and because of that historic resonance, says Bob Murray, The Trustees' Operations Manager for the Northeast and Greater Boston Regions, "We need to save and protect its structural and historical integrity as much as possible."

After purchasing his gracious 2,100-acre estate in Ipswich in 1909, Richard T. Crane gradually acquired seven small islands abutting the estate in the Essex River Estuary. Two of the islands, Choate Island and Long Island, were connected by a causeway and had been a prosperous farming community known as Proctor Farm during the 18th and 19th centuries. When Cornelius Crane inherited the estate in the 1940s, he took special interest in the islands: he planted a spruce forest on Choate Island and restored the pastoral landscapes of both Choate and Long Island in a revival style, adding an ell to the 1778 Proctor Barn on Long Island.

Today, the continued survival of the Proctor Barn depends on ensuring its building envelope—the roof system, the siding, windows, and exterior doors—remains intact. Recently, the barn underwent significant structural work, including replacing the roof, repairing several windows, and rebuilding barn doors. But while addressing the structural needs of such an antiquated building is a challenge in itself, the environment in which it exists requires even more planning, precision, and urgency. "The life expectancy of structures is shorter on an island than in areas away from the water," says Murray. "We need to renew things on a shorter timetable."

Its relatively remote location posed a number of logistical obstacles as well. To start, contractors had to venture to and from the island by barge for the duration of the project—and the barge can only reach the island on a high tide. When the shingles for the two sections of the roof—one measuring 120-feet by 35-feet, another measuring 55-feet by 17-feet—were transported to the island, "We had tractors on both sides remove pallets of materials with forklifts," says Don Paquin, Maintenance Supervisor for The Trustees. Then there's the matter of removing debris. "A typical construction site would bring a large dumpster on site and manage it that way," Murray notes. "On an island, we have to bring a dump truck over." Additionally, the Coast Guard must be notified anytime work of this sort is undertaken.

Wrapping up the final phase of the roof was in part determined by picking the best time to avoid the onslaught of greenheads. "These are beautiful islands surrounded by salt marshes, but salt marshes attract greenhead flies, and you're a bit of a sitting duck up on a roof," says Murray.

Aside from a few refinements to be made, the work on the barn is complete. The public is welcome to tour the islands anytime if they have their own boat transportation. Pontoon boats take six passengers over to the island on select occasions in the summer and fall, and on Choate Island Day, held Columbus Day weekend, The Trustees operates boats to transport visitors all day long.

Today, the structure is an inspiring site to behold, full of open pastoral settings and stonewalls, with dynamic views toward Castleneck River that change with the tide, a testament to another era. "To visit the island," Murray says, "is really to step back in time."

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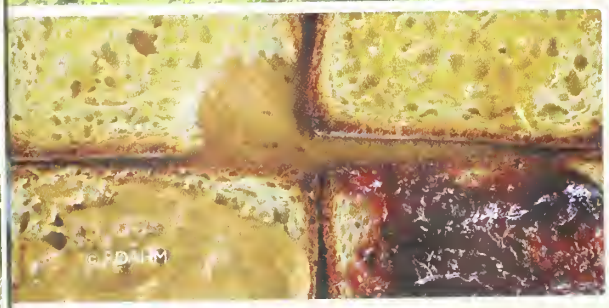
Excite

After seven years as an affiliate organization, the Boston Natural Areas Network (BNAN) has fully merged to become part of The Trustees' Boston Region. For BNAN's many garden volunteers, supporters, and friends, the change will simply mean that the organizational support will be stronger and the newly integrated organization will have greater impact in its work with the collective statewide reach of The Trustees.

"Most importantly, our work in the city of Boston is now more strongly secured for the future, and our mission of preserving, expanding, and improving urban open space through community organizing, acquisition, ownership, programming, development and management of urban wilds, greenways, community gardens (like the Berkeley Community Garden in Boston's South End, pictured here), and urban forests will continue on in perpetuity," said Vidya Tikku, Interim Director of BNAN.



"WE HAVE THE FARMS. WE HAVE THIS FOOD. NOW WE ARE ALSO OFFERING THE SUPPORT."

- MERYL LATRONICA

FROM FIELD TO FORK

BY GENEVIEVE RAJEWSKI

Inside the commercial-grade kitchen at Appleton Farms in Ipswich, cooks break into pairs and expertly prepare recipes for a six-plate meal as part of a summer tapas cooking class. To create grilled eggplant towers, some chefs peel and dice vine-ripened tomatoes into bite-sized pieces. Others chiffonade herbs they've harvested from the kitchen's garden. A compound butter has been whipped together for grilled corn, mussels have been cleaned, and watermelon has been carved off the rind as preparation for gazpacho. One pair sears eggplant rounds on the grills located outside.

Participants are 45 minutes into the three-hour workshop—a part of the Appleton Cooks! class series—and you'd never guess that some consider themselves fledging chefs at best. "Everything is looking really good," says the group's teacher, Jenn Knight, a chef instructor from The Cambridge School of Culinary Arts, as she surveys the flurry of activity. "How about we take a little break to eat?"

The Trustees of Reservations own and manage eight working farms in Massachusetts, and in recent years, the organization has put forth several initiatives to foster stronger relationships between our food and our appetites. To encourage more people to eat locally, The Trustees have created thriving community supported agriculture (CSA) programs at four of the farms. Some properties also sell site-grown produce and meat, and Appleton Farms recently launched a boutique dairy operation featuring fresh milk, and farmstead cheese. Now, The Trustees have taken what their farmers and volunteers consider the sensible

next step in making the connection from farm to table: helping people figure out what to actually do with all those fantastic seasonal products.

"We have the farms. We have this food. Now we are also offering the support," says Meryl LaTronica, CSA manager at Powisset Farm in Dover. To make room for foodies with a fondness for fresh, local ingredients, Powisset Farm recently underwent a significant upgrade, which included the addition of a teaching kitchen and classroom space. Since August, the kitchen, which was funded through a grant from the Amelia Peabody Foundation, has been the backdrop for Powisset Cooks!, a series of year-round, hands-on cooking classes centered on a variety of themes, and a companion to the Appleton program.

Because CSA members report that the volume and types of vegetables they receive can sometimes be overwhelming, many of Powisset Farm's new cooking workshops will center on how to best use the products in a share. For example, the first two courses lead participants—who may be stumped for meal ideas after receiving nine weeks of greens in a CSA—from picking produce in the field through making salads, dressing, and slaws. Other courses will teach home cooks how to preserve seasonal food to enjoy later by making pickles, tomato sauce, and other delicacies. And in Powisset's "Field to Lunchbox" classes, kids ages 5 to 12 and their parents will work together to use farm-fresh vegetables to beat lunchtime boredom.

At Boston Natural Areas Network's "Tastes of the Garden" cooking and nutrition courses, city gardeners and residents explore how to blend various ethnic cuisines to create global fusion dishes. As with The Trustees' farm-based classes, the emphasis is on serving healthy dishes derived from local produce, notes Vidya Tikku, interim director of the affiliated nonprofit supporter of Boston's 175 community gardens. "It's one thing to grow healthy food and another to consume it in a healthy way," explains Tikku with a laugh. To illustrate the distinction, she points to a recent conversation with a woman whose mother has always deep-fried eggplant. (Tikku can relate: her mother does it too.)

Fresh ingredients and happy faces are a great combination at the culinary classes and workshops at Appleton Cooks! Ipswich and at the recently launched Powisset Cooks! in Dover.

"Healthy," however, doesn't have to mean "bland." Back at Appleton Farms, the tapas class happily moseys outdoors to picnic tables on a patio. Under a canopy strung with globe lights, several women use cellphones to snap pictures of each other posing with their dishes. One nibbles on mushrooms stuffed with kale and quinoa, lauding the taste of the goat cheese, while another wonders aloud about the herbs in the eggplant towers. One participant, William Mueller, signed up for the tapas class after attending an Appleton Cooks! workshop on picnic recipes last summer. "I got a lot of use out of those recipes," he notes. "Tonight's dishes also seem great and reasonably simple." Have a bite, taste for yourself, and you're apt to agree.

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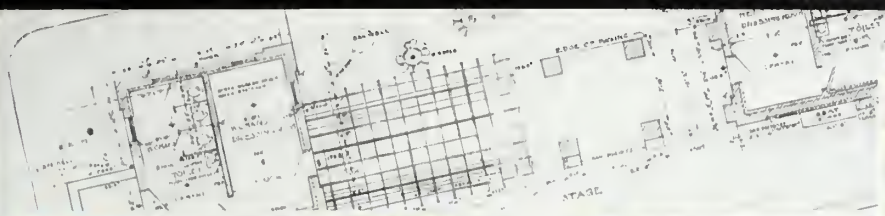

COMMON GROUND

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Bird Park hosts special events and programs year-round including concerts and performances at the music court (top right), and the ever-popular (and somewhat messy!) Ice Cream Social.

In more than a decade of Trustees ownership, Bird Park in Walpole has evolved from an afterthought into a crowd-drawing destination.

BY RYAN BRAY

For Brian Blaquiere, Francis William Bird Park isn't just a place to walk the trails, shoot hoops, or play with the kids: it's a place that's become a central part of his family's life. "One of the biggest reasons we moved to Walpole was because we spent so much time at Bird Park," says Blaquiere, now chairman of the Friends of Bird Park.

Such is the allure of 89 ever-evolving acres. Since The Trustees took control of 89-year-old Bird Park more than a decade ago, the grounds have undergone a remarkable transformation from afterthought to vibrant urban gathering place. Once marred by graffiti and overall poor maintenance, a series of refurbishments has made the most of its many amenities, which include three miles of walking paths, tennis and basketball courts, playgrounds, and a stage area for live music and other performances, all in addition to its vast green space.

"When The Trustees took over, everything changed," says Josh Hasenfus, who is now in his fourth year as property manager at Bird Park. "They definitely kept better pace with maintaining the property."

The improvements have only continued in recent years. Back in 2011, The Trustees, with help from the Friends of Bird Park, raised $40,000 to outfit its playground with new equipment. And last fall, the music court underwent waterproofing and mortar repointing, while local Boy Scouts rebuilt the vertical trellises on the front of the court.

Despite its restoration, the music court stays true to its original design, created in 1925 by renowned landscape architect John Nolen as a space to host outdoor performances. Now, Bird Park is furthering its event offerings, which include live concerts, Shakespeare in the Park, Snow Fun Day, and the park's annual trail run in September. Some events, such as Pumpkins in the Park in October, have drawn as many as 1,000 visitors.

The swell in attendance is a prelude to the next project: the renovation of the sports courts, which Blaquiere and Hasenfus both expect to be the most significant improvement to Bird Park under Trustees ownership, and which they expect to be ready in the next two to three years. The plan calls for two revamped basketball and tennis courts as well as a multi-use children's court for games such as hopscotch. "It's the biggest thing we've ever helped out with," Blaquiere says of the Friends' involvement in raising money to improve the courts. "We want to rehab as much as we can without tearing everything up."

They're also looking even further into the future. Hasenfus says The Trustees will look to restore Bird Park's three ponds, including surveying their water quality. All of these endeavors share a mutual purpose: to make Bird Park a captivating common ground in Walpole. "It's a great asset to the community," Hasenfus says of the park. "The more we do, the better it is for residents."

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Grow

Why is this team from Breckinridge Capital Advisors smiling? Because they've just done a hard day's worth of volunteering at Dover's Powisset Farm. What does that mean for them? Sore muscles, dirty jeans, and a serious sense of accomplishment. What does that mean for The Trustees? Corporate support (both in the form of dollars and diggers), more capacity to grow and distribute fresh produce to the underserved, and more people getting to know the farm on an up-close-and-personal basis. This past year, our corporate volunteers made a tremendous impact on our organization by building boardwalks to improve public trail systems, harvesting vegetables for a local food pantry, pruning gardens that are enjoyed by thousands of visitors each year, and preparing row crops for a new season of growth. We're grateful for the hours of sweat and skill folks like the Breckinridge team brought to the community this year.

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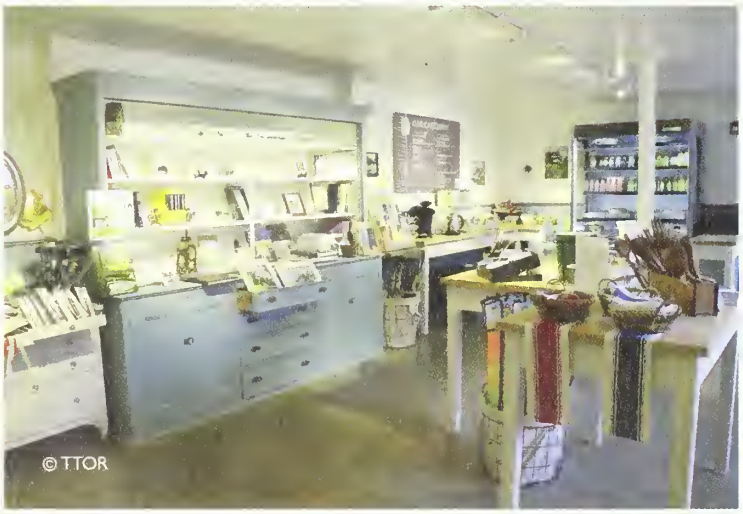
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Whether you need skis or a gourmet sandwich, The Trustees are providing new options for folks to enjoy statewide. Pictured here are Notchview (top), the newly styled Inn at Castle Hill (center and right), and the Oak Café and gift shop at Naumkeag (bottom).

Open for Business

Whether it's brand-new lodging space, café fare, or ski rentals, The Trustees' enterprise efforts around the state are enhancing visitors' experiences and garnering broad acclaim.

BY RYAN BRAY

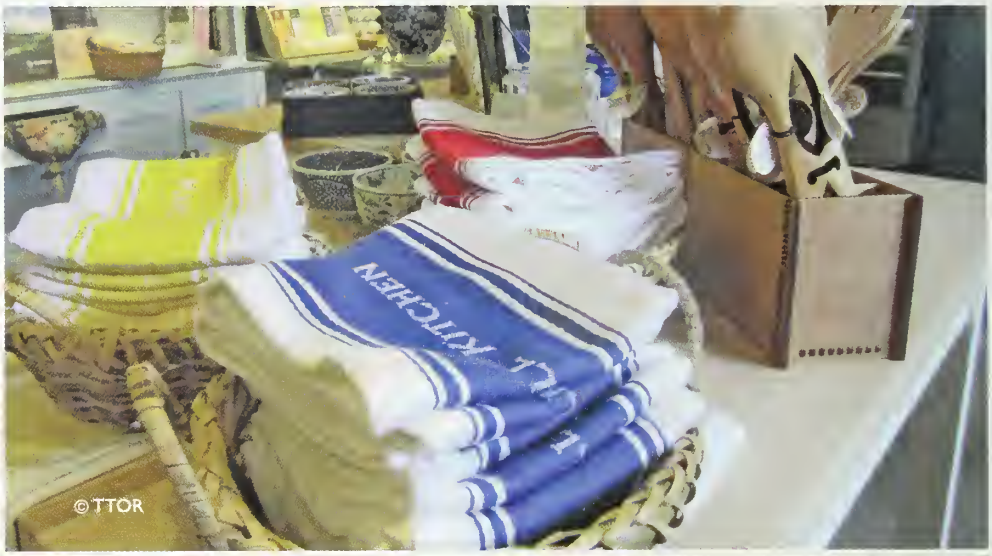
The sprawling lay of the land at Castle Hill—the miles of trails for hiking and biking, the unmatched views of the Atlantic—has never struggled to attract visitors to Ipswich. But with some new additions to the property, those visitors have reason to stay a little longer.

The Castle Hill Café, located on the back terrace of the property's Great House and open from May through October, affords guests the opportunity to indulge in salads, fruit, beverages, and other light snacks, all while admiring the breathtaking sight of the Grand Allée and the sweeping views of the ocean beyond. The Inn at Castle Hill, in a converted historic building, now boasts a refreshed decor and design by Carpenter & MacNeille. Across the state in the Berkshires hills, Naumkeag visitors also have the chance to picnic on the lawn or in the garden thanks to a new café service provided by Red Lion Inn, the hospitality mainstay in the region. The new eatery called Oak Café serves signature sandwiches, beverages, and sweets so that visitors can extend their stay and enjoy time with friends and family. The new eatery, called Oak Café, features signature sandwiches, beverages, and sweets so that visitors can extend their stay and enjoy time with friends and family.

Incorporating cafés might seem like small additions to the Castle Hill and Naumkeag visitor experience, but in reality, they're part of an enterprise phenomenon that's engaging visitors and making a big impact. The Trustees have more than 40 enterprise operations across nearly 20 percent of its properties throughout the state, which contribute nearly a fifth of the organization's $26 million budget and are poised to grow even further. Just as important, enterprise operations are helping fuel The Trustees' callings toward stewardship and conservation, and connecting visitors with properties in profound, meaningful ways.

Expanding enterprise opportunities has been a priority since Barbara Erickson became The Trustees' president in 2012. Soon after, she created a new director of enterprise role held by David Beardsley, and established the Strategic Enterprises Committee as a formal board committee—two initiatives that have allowed The Trustees to shape enterprise operations on a statewide scale. "Our work in enterprise hinges upon two core values," Erickson says. "One, we want to understand and respond to what will enhance and build the visitor experience. And two, we want to be good financial stewards by diversifying our revenue streams to create a healthy operating budget."

The increased attention on enterprise is already generating remarkable results. Admissions sales at Castle Hill are up 20 percent since the café opened its doors in the summer of 2013. At the same time, both cafés give visitors an incentive to come early,



break for a light lunch or snack, and make a day of it at Castle Hill or at Naumkeag in Stockbridge. Meanwhile, Notchview in Windsor bolstered its offerings with the addition of a Nordic ski rental shop. Whereas Notchview once catered largely to veteran skiers, allowing for ski rentals has opened the site up to a broader cross section of visitors, including young families and less-experienced skiers just looking for a day out on the slopes.

Despite a mild ski season with 20 fewer ski days compared to 2013, The Trustees did more than $75,000 worth of business at Notchview this year, a figure that far exceeds the site's five-year seasonal average of $46,506. Attendance also neared 12,000 visitors in the 2013-2014 season—25 percent higher than the five-year annual average.

Looking ahead, The Trustees are focusing on opportunities to add enterprises that will both support the visitor experience and generate the cash flow needed to help steward existing properties and conserve new special places—shops, cafés, lodging, recreation, and agriculture are some of the key areas and ideas being explored. The Trustees also are looking at opening more summer camps at their properties, which they hope will entice children and families to make return trips throughout the year.

"These additions and improvements are great ways to keep people engaged in our properties," Beardsley says. "Our goal is to build deep relationships with our visitors, and this is one of the ways to do that."

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A Gem IN THE Berkshires

BY MEG CICHON

Patty Crane has been exploring every nook and cranny at Notchview since her family first moved to western Massachusetts in the mid-1980s. An award-winning poet and poetry translator by trade, she hikes its paths in the summer, skis the trails in the winter, and runs through its more than 3,100 acres during the seasons in between.

But as a devoted volunteer—and this year's recipient of The Trustees' Volunteer of the Year Award—Crane's relationship with Notchview has become so intimate that she considers it her second home, and its employees, volunteers, and visitors as a second family. "Notchview has a charm that is a magnet for people," says Crane. "It pulls them in, and that's how it started for me. My involvement came from loving this place."

Crane first joined Notchview's property committee in the early 1990s, focusing on maintenance and events such as team trail hikes and the youth ski league. Then, in 2000, Crane spearheaded a 10-year plan centered on adding amenities and attracting new crowds. In 2010, after her husband's work took them to Sweden for three years, Crane came back to western Massachusetts and chaired Notchview's property committee—and that's when things really started to ramp up.

Crane's biggest ambition upon returning was the rehabilitation of the A.D. Budd Visitor Center, whose unusual rooms and dated appearance called for a sprucing up and a series of modest additions and improvements. Crane and a team of volunteers transformed what were once cluttered closets and forgotten spaces into a cozy lounge. Besides painting the walls herself, Crane helped organize the opening of Helen's Café, a ski center offering rental packages for Nordic skiing newcomers, and new snowshoe trails. The result is one of Crane's most cherished achievements.

Patty Crane, The Trustees' Volunteer of the Year for 2014, was a driving force behind the recent renovations at Notchview, but her commitment to the property runs three decades deep.

More than her work ethic, Crane's sense of commitment is infectious, an inspiration for others to organize and act in service of a property rising more than 2,000 feet into the sky. "She has truly been an inspiration to a group that works closely with The Trustees," says says Jim Caffrey, Notchview's Superintendent. As for Crane, she's just happy that others turn their adoration for the landscape into action. "It's exciting to see everyone have the same level of excitement about helping Notchview be the best it can be, and also see its future potential," she says.

Along with managing the café and ski rental operations, Crane and her team are already going back to the drawing board. "Now we are starting to look deeply and broadly at what else we can do for Notchview," says Crane. "Aside from physical and spatial issues, there are new things we haven't looked at before, like renewable energy, efficiency, and green building practices." Some of these ideas are already coming to light, like the solar panels expected to be installed by the fall.

Patty Crane's ultimate goal is to see Notchview bustling after winter cross-country skiing wraps up, with programs and activities that persuade visitors to fall in love with the grounds throughout all four seasons. "The most important thing is to evoke the feeling that this is a special place, and because of the efforts of Trustees staff and volunteers, we are able to bring out that passion," Crane says. For this Volunteer of the Year, inspiring others is a reward in itself.

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LAND CONSERVATION

In the past year, The Trustees protected, or helped protect, 17 properties — more than 942.7 acres.

CONSERVATION RESTRICTIONS (CR)

PROJECT | CITY/TOWN ACREAGE | PARTNERS/DONORS*	DESCRIPTION
Langwater | Easton 13.2 Acres |	Protects views from The Trustees' Governor Oliver Ames Estate. In a related transaction, The Trustees facilitated the conveyance by the Oliver Ames family of a Preservation Restriction Agreement on the Ames Gate Lodge, designed by H.H. Richardson with surrounding landscape by Frederick Law Olmsted.
Beaton Property | Rochester 9.7 Acres | Buzzards Bay Coalition, Douglas Beaton*	A conservation restriction and trail easement along Hathaway Pond in the Eastover Farm landscape; connecting and providing public access to over 300 acres of protected open space in Rochester and Marion.
Dunes' Edge Conservation Restriction | Provincetown 17 Acres | Town of Provincetown, MA PARC Program	A conservation restriction was conveyed to the Town of Provincetown in May 2013, following our March 2013 acquisition of the campground.
Rooney/Low | Westport 30.9 Acres | Rooney/Low Family*, Westport Land Conservation Trust, MA Conservation Land Tax Credit Program	Protects a critical component of the Slocum's River to Westport River Greenway, a 6-mile, 1,500 acre greenway connecting The Trustees' Slocum's River Reserve in Dartmouth to the Westport River in Westport, known as the route for The Trustees' annual Super Bowl Sunday Long Walk.
Anderson | Westport 14.5 Acres | Anderson Family*, Westport Land Conservation Trust, MA Conservation Land Tax Credit Program	Features 700 feet of frontage along Sam Tripp Brook, a scenic cold water stream important for sea run brook trout, and tributary to the East Branch of the Westport River.
Steele Farm | Boxborough 36 Acres | Boxborough Historical Society, Town of Boxborough, Boxborough Conservation Trust	This Conservation Restriction and Historic Preservation Restriction, co-held by The Trustees and the Boxborough Historical Society, protects a locally beloved town-owned farm on the National Register of Historic Places, a scenic grassland providing habitat for bobolinks, and a heavily utilized public trail system with connections to a 100+ acre network of additional conservation land.
NSTAR Lands | Holliston 86 Acres | Town of Holliston	Forestland around the Charles River headwaters, this Town acquisition adds to Town Forest lands and is subject to a Trustees Conservation Restriction.

FEE ACQUISITION (Present & Future Reservations)

Massachusetts Land Conservation Trust (MLCT) is the transactional affiliate of The Trustees of Reservations.

PROJECT | CITY/TOWN ACREAGE | PARTNERS/DONORS*	DESCRIPTION
Avalon Bay Property | Cohasset 10 Acres	An addition of forested land to our Whitney & Thayer Woods.
Walker Property | Ashfield 27.7 Acres | Walker Family*	A donation by the Walker family adjacent to our Bear Swamp Reservation. Includes a small stream and important forest habitat and was part of the original vision for Bear Swamp Reservation.

PROJECT | CITY/TOWN ACREAGE | PARTNERS/DONORS*	DESCRIPTION
Haskell Property | New Bedford 5.6 Acres | City of New Bedford, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Gateway Cities Urban Parks Program, Island Foundation*, Manton Foundation*, Bafflin Foundation*, Mazer Foundation*	Complete with a 1700s farmhouse, ornamental gardens and green houses from the family of popular horticulturalist, Allen Haskell, the property has been named the Allen C. Haskell Public Gardens.
Hastings Property | Worthington 62 Acres | Wil Hastings*	A donation of forestland to Hilltown Land Trust, which in turn transferred the existing Conservation Restriction on the property to The Trustees. The property contains high-quality forest land and wildlife habitat and is adjacent to a large farm protected by an Agricultural Preservation Restriction.
Flag Rock | Great Barrington 45 Acres | MA Department of Fish & Game	On the western slope of Monument Mountain and includes the prominent quartzite outcrop Flag Rock that provides views of the Housatonic River Valley and Taconic mountains. A critical first phase of expanding our iconic Monument Mountain Reservation.

CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE PROJECTS

PROJECT | CITY/TOWN ACREAGE | PARTNERS/DONORS*	DESCRIPTION
Nisby | Westport 81 Acres | Westport Land Conservation Trust, Massachusetts Waterfowlers, Westport Community Preservation Committee	Protects the headwaters of Bread and Cheese Brook, a coldwater stream that provides critical habitat for sea run brook trout, and an important tributary to the East Branch of the Westport River.
Nisby | Westport 35.1 Acres | Westport Land Conservation Trust, Nisby Family	Featuring important sensitive habitat and providing enhanced public access for passive recreation, this project brings to 116 acres the contiguous protected area to be managed together as the Headwaters Conservation Area.
Knowles | Rehoboth 11 Acres | Rehoboth Land Trust, MA Conservation Land Tax Credit Program, Knowles Family	Provides critical wildlife habitat as well as scenic fields and marsh along the Palmer River. Adjacent to a 70-acre conservation restriction donated to The Trustees by the mother of Mr. Knowles.
Tranquil Lake Nursery | Rehoboth 20 Acres | Rehoboth Land Trust, Tranquil Lake Nursery, MA Department of Agricultural Resources, Rehoboth Community Preservation Committee	With more than 1,900 feet along the Palmer River, the property consists of good farming soils, critical habitat, and lovely views of colorful fields of ornamental perennials, now protected by an Agricultural Preservation Restriction.
King's Point Holdings | Freetown 228 Acres | MA Department of Fish & Game, King's Point Holdings, MA Conservation Land Tax Credit Program	Featuring extensive Priority Habitat and 120+ acres of retired cranberry bogs, and providing scenic views of pond, forest, and the old bogs, this project adds significantly to the Southeastern Massachusetts Bioreserve.
Gauchione Farm | Pittsfield 220 Acres | MA Department of Conservation & Recreation, MA Department Agricultural Resources	Forty-five acres of prime agricultural soils on this family farm are now protected by an Agricultural Preservation Restriction, while more than 170 acres of upland forest were added to the Pittsfield State Forest.

FINANCIAL REPORT

In the first full year of delivering on our refreshed strategic plan, *The Path Forward*, The Trustees of Reservations achieved promising growth in our sources of funding, providing increasing resources for the underlying work of the organization. The Trustees benefited from the growth of philanthropy, membership, and property-based enterprises through many of the new approaches and tactics articulated in the plan. This revenue expansion, complemented by strong financial management, is designed to support the ambitious objectives that underpin the strategic plan.

As part of our Fiscal 2015 Budget and financial planning, we continue to invest in membership, fundraising, and enterprise, areas where we can balance increase resource allocation with measurable returns. As a result, membership and annual giving experienced both an increase in member households and revenue over the previous fiscal year. Thanks in part to ideal weather including an extended summer season and a late, but snowy, ski season, property revenues grew by over $1.1 million compared to Fiscal 2013. Our abilities to further leverage property revenues is undergoing a thoughtful and creative assessment as part of the next phase of the strategic plan and beyond. Striking the right balance between protecting the land and properties and creating revenue opportunities in order to pay for this protection is an important component of how we now work.

Continued market growth and astute financial management contributed to restoring the portfolio valuation to pre-recession levels. Currently at $138 million, our endowment valuation reflects increases, net of the spending draw, of 6% in Fiscal 2014. In calculating our endowment spending, we continue to employ the hybrid model that was adopted in Fiscal 2013, designed to reduce the volatility in the annual endowment support for operations.

The organization functions at high capacity with a lean operation, but this fiscal year has proven that judicious investments in growth are necessary for sustained financial health. The financial team, with assistance from the Board, carefully manages the precious resources of The Trustees; but ultimately the staff is key to continual fiscal prudence, revenue generation, community support and membership growth. We are excited about realizing on our future strategic goals, and I look forward to sharing our progress with you.

Amy L. Auerbach
Treasurer

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

(in thousands of dollars)

	FY 2014	FY 2013	FY 2012
Property Revenue	$8,170	$7,025	$6,312
Endowment Support	6,247	6,105	6,183
Contributions, Grants & Transfers	6,135	5,403	5,648
Membership Dues	3,807	3,327	3,015
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	FY 2014	FY 2013	FY 2012
Property & Resource Stewardship	$11,801	$10,575	$10,618
Programs*	5,635	5,452	5,667
Fundraising	2,269	1,889	1,506
Member Services	1,110	1,197	843
Marketing & Communications	1,098	668	688
Administrative	2,548	2,075	2,130
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OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	**$(102)**	**$4**	**$(294)**
Non-Operating Contributions, Investment and Other Activity	$15,324	$11,184	$(1,436)
TOTAL CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	**$15,222**	**$11,188**	**$(1,730)**
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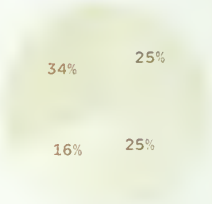
NET ASSETS (End of Year)	**$262,612**	**$247,390**	**$236,202**

Programs include Land Conservation, Boston Natural Areas Network, Agriculture, and Engagement.

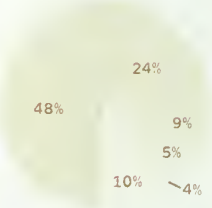
FY 2014 OPERATING INCOME

Property Revenues: **34%**
Endowment Support: **25%**
Contributions, Grants & Transfers: **25%**
Membership Dues: **16%**

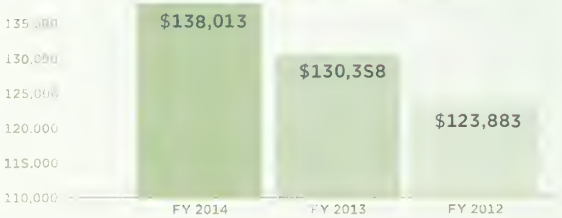


FY 2014 OPERATING EXPENSES

Property & Resource Stewardship: **48%**
Programs: **24%**
Fundraising: **9%**
Member Services: **5%**
Marketing & Communications: **4%**
Administrative: **10%**



ENDOWMENT (in thousands of dollars)



In addition to operating support, The Trustees raised $14.6 million for special projects, new endowments, and planned gifts for total philanthropy of $21.6 million in FY14, as compared to $18.5 million in FY13.

Things To Do

Walks, Talks & More

Clear your head and open your mind—on these rambles you'll explore marshes, meadows, swamps, and seasides. Toddlers to teens, families and friends: bring them all or just bring yourself to enjoy a unique outdoor experience. Choose a special place nearby or explore somewhere a little further afield.

Peaked Mountain Full Moon Hike PV
Saturday, September 6 | 7:30PM
Peaked Mountain, Monson
413.532.1631 x21
$10 Donation for **NONMEMBERS** requested.

Renaissance of Ravenswood: Rescued Road, Revolution & Renaissance NE
Sunday, September 14 | 1-3PM
Second Sundays
Ravenswood Park, Gloucester 978.281.8400
MEMBERS: $5. **NONMEMBERS:** Adult $10.
Grandparents FREE on September 14.

Fall Poetry Reading I
Friday, September 19 | 5-6:30PM
Mytoi, Chappaquiddick 508.693.7662
ADULT MEMBERS: $5; **ADULT NONMEMBERS:** $10.
Children: FREE.

Dog Walk the South Coast SE
Saturday, September 20 | 10AM-12NOON
Cornell Farm, East Over Reservation,
Lyman Reserve,
Westport Town Farm, South Coast
774.302.0779
MEMBERS: FREE. **NONMEMBERS:** $10 for all 4 tours.

Hurlburt's Hill Hawk Watch B
Saturday, September 20 | 10AM-12NOON
Bartholomew's Cobble, Sheffield
413.229.8600
MEMBERS & NONMEMBERS: FREE.

Boreal Forest Ghost Town Hike B
Sunday, September 21 | 10AM-1PM
Notchview, Windsor 413.684.0148
MEMBERS & NONMEMBERS: FREE.

Hawks Over Holyoke PV
Sunday, September 21 | 10AM-3PM
Heritage Park, Downtown Holyoke
413.532.1631
MEMBERS & NONMEMBERS: FREE.

Seaside Stroll with Birding Basics NE
Sunday, September 21 | 8-10AM
Third Sundays
Halibut Point Reservation, Rockport
978.281.8400
MEMBERS & NONMEMBERS: FREE.

Fall Foliage Walk B
Saturday, September 27 | 1-2 PM
Field Farm, Williamstown 413.458.3135
MEMBERS: FREE. **NONMEMBERS:** $5.
Folly tour an additional $5 for **NONMEMBERS**.

Kayak the West Branch SE
Saturday, September 27
Westport 508.636.4693 x103
MEMBERS: $30. **NONMEMBERS:** $50.

Peaked Mountain Sunrise Hike PV
Saturday, September 27 | 5AM
Peaked Mountain, Monson
413.532.1631 x21
MEMBERS: $5. **NONMEMBERS:** $10.

Geology of Holyoke PV
Sunday, September 28 | 1-4PM
Dinosaur Footprints, Little Tom Mountain,
Holyoke 413.532.631
MEMBERS: $5. **NONMEMBERS:** $10.

Fungus Foray SE
Saturday, October 4 | 10AM-12NOON
Copicut Woods, Fall River
508.636.4693 x103
MEMBERS: FREE. **NONMEMBERS:** $5.

Bryant Literary Series: Book Launch & Lecture PV
Sunday, October 5 | 2:30PM
William Cullen Bryant Homestead,
Cummington 413.532.1631 X 10
Recommended donations of $7 accepted at the door.

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Fall Foliage Celebration & Walk C
Sunday, October 5 | 11AM–5PM
Farandnear, Shirley 413.532.1631 x10
MEMBERS & NONMEMBERS: FREE.

Full Moon and Folklore Hike NE
Wednesday, October 8 | 7–9PM
Thursday, November 6 | 6–8PM
Saturday, December 6 | 6–8PM
Crane Wildlife Refuge on the Crane Estate, Ipswich 978.810.5892
MEMBERS: $15. **NONMEMBERS:** $25; suggested ages 13 and older. Pre-registration is required.

3,000 Years of Cultural Landscape GB
Monday, October 13 | 12NOON, 2PM & 4PM
Old Manse, Concord 978.369.3909
MEMBERS: $10. **NONMEMBERS:** $15.

Mount Ann Forest Frolic NE
Sunday, October 19 | 1–3PM
Mount Ann Park, Gloucester 978.281.8400
MEMBERS: $10. **NONMEMBERS:** $15.
Space limited; pre-registration required.

Tolkien Walk in the Woods NE
Saturday, October 25 | 1–3PM
Ravenswood Park, Gloucester 978.281.8400
MEMBERS: $5. **NONMEMBERS:** Adult $10; Children FREE.

Art in Nature, Nature in Art NE
Saturday, November 8 | 1–3PM
Castle Hill on the Crane Estate, Ipswich 978.810.5892
MEMBERS: FREE. **NONMEMBERS** $10.

NW Connecticut Waterfowl Census B
Saturday, November 8 | 8AM
Bartholomew's Cobble, Sheffield 413.229.8600
MEMBERS & NONMEMBERS: FREE.

Ravenswood's Great Magnolia Swamp Hike NE
Saturday, November 22 | 12NOON–3PM
Ravenswood Park, Gloucester 978.281.8400
MEMBERS: $10. **NONMEMBERS:** $15.

Historic Thanksgivings at the Manse GB
Sunday, November 16 | 1PM & 3PM
Old Manse, Concord 978.369.3909
MEMBERS: $10. **NONMEMBERS:** $15.

Dune to Tavern, a Solstice Stroll at the Crane Estate NE
Sunday, December 21 | 6–9PM
Crane Wildlife Refuge on the Crane Estate, Castle Hill on the Crane Estate, Ipswich 978.810.5892
MEMBERS: $20. **NONMEMBERS:** $25; suggested ages 15 and older. Pre-registration required.

Family Fun

Designed for families with kids of all ages, these events will get you and the little ones exploring the landscape and having fun. Most of these events are outside, so wear your walking shoes or boots if it's wet, and bundle up if it's on the chilly side: we embrace weather of all kinds, and your kids will, too, if they're dressed for it.

Autumn Family Outings GB
Tuesday, September 16 | 10–11:30AM
Tuesdays
World's End, Weir River Farm, Norris Reservation, Hingham and Norwell 781.740.7233
Five sessions: **MEMBERS:** $50. **NONMEMBERS:** $65.

Ecosplorations Afterschool Program GB
Wednesday, September 17 | 3:30–5PM
Wednesdays
Weir River Farm, Hingham 781.740.7233
Five sessions: **MEMBERS:** $50, **NONMEMBERS:** $65.

Star Gazing with Arunah Hill B
Saturday, September 20 &
Saturday, October 18 | Dusk
Notchview, Windsor 413.684.0148
MEMBERS & NONMEMBERS: FREE.

Field to Lunchbox: Creative Solutions for Lunchbox Boredom GB
Sunday, September 28 | 2–4PM
Sunday, October 19 | 2–4PM
Sunday, November 16 | 10AM–12NOON
Powisset Farm, Dover 508.785.0339
MEMBER ADULT AND CHILD: $35.
NONMEMBER ADULT AND CHILD: $50.

Meet the Ravenswood Hermit NE
Sunday, September 28 | 1–3PM
Ravenswood Park, Gloucester 978.281.8400
MEMBERS: FREE. **NONMEMBERS:** $5.

Mini Moos NE
Saturdays through October | 10AM–11AM
Appleton Farms, Ipswich 978.356.5728
MEMBERS: $10/Family. **NONMEMBERS:** $15/Family.

Meet the Cows NE
Saturdays through October | 2:30–4PM
Appleton Farms, Ipswich 978.356.5728
MEMBERS: $4. **NONMEMBERS:** $5.

Ghost Stories Around the Bonfire SE
Saturday, November 1 | 5:30–7:30PM
Westport Town Farm, Westport 508.636.4693 x103
MEMBERS: FREE; **NONMEMBERS:** $5.

Ravenswood Rocks! NE
Sunday, November 2 | 1–3PM
Ravenswood Park, Gloucester 978.281.8400
MEMBERS: FREE. **NONMEMBERS:** $5; Pre-registration encouraged.

Sweetbay Swamp Quest Fest! NE
Saturday, November 8 | 1–3PM
Ravenswood Park, Gloucester 978.281.8400
MEMBERS & NONMEMBERS: FREE.

Stop, Look and Listen Tour NE
Saturday, November 15 | 1–3PM
Crane Wildlife Refuge on the Crane Estate, Ipswich 978.810.5892
MEMBERS: $5. **NONMEMBERS:** $8.
Pre-registration required.

Star Gazing SE
Saturday, November 15 | 7-9PM
Westport Town Farm, Westport
508.636.4693 x103
MEMBERS: FREE. **NONMEMBERS** $5.

What to Do with Friends and Family Week GB
Thursday, November 27 through November 30 | 12NOON-4:30PM
Old Manse, Concord 978.369.3909
MEMBERS: FREE. **NONMEMBERS:** Adult $9 Senior/Student $8; Child (age 5-11) $6.

StoryWalk® A Self-Guided Adventure I
DAILY
Menemsha Hills, Long Point Wildlife Refuge, Chilmark & West Tisbury 508.693.7662
MEMBERS & NONMEMBERS: FREE.

Greening of the Great House and Tea with Santa NE
Sunday, December 7 | 10AM-4PM
Castle Hill on the Crane Estate, Ipswich
978.356.4351
MEMBERS: Adult $10; Child $5. **NONMEMBERS:** Adult $15; Child $8. Ipswich residents: $8 with proof of residency. Tea with Santa and admission: **MEMBERS:** $30. **NONMEMBERS:** $40.

Lawn Concert at Field Farm B
Nature Walk preceding at 3PM
Sunday, September 14 | 4:30-5:30PM
Rain or shine.
Field Farm, Williamstown
MEMBERS: $5. **NONMEMBERS:** $10. Child: FREE.

Hike with Santa B
December 13 | 10AM-12NOON
Bartholomew's Cobble, Sheffield
413.229.8600
MEMBERS/NONMEMBERS: FREE; Child $20 (includes price of present).

Hot Chocolate Saturdays B
Mid-Dec through Mid-March | 9AM-4PM
Bartholomew's Cobble, Sheffield
413.229.8600
FREE with Center admission.

Cross-Country Skiing B
December-March | 8AM-4:30PM
Notchview, Windsor
Details at www.TheTrustees.org/notchview

For more Family Fun, see the Special Events section!

Classes & Workshops

Fall's the time to learn a fun new skill or brush up on one that's been dormant. There's a mix of day and evening, weekend, and weekday events—some for adults, some for kids, and some for both. All are for the curious.

For the Pantry: Tomato Preservation GB
Tuesday, September 16 | 10AM-12NOON
Powisset Farm, Dover 508.785.0339
MEMBERS: $35. **NONMEMBERS:** $50.

Transplanting and Dividing Your Garden SE
Wednesday, September 17 | 10AM-12NOON
Allen C. Haskell Public Gardens, New Bedford
774.992.7796
MEMBERS: $5. **NONMEMBERS:** $15.

Fall Fresh Crop NE
Wednesday, October 1 | 5:30PM-7:30PM
Appleton Farms, Ipswich 978.356.5728 x12
MEMBERS: $60. **NONMEMBERS:** $65.

From the Fields: Slaws GB
Thursday, October 2 | 5:30-7:30PM
Powisset Farm, Dover 508.725.0339
MEMBERS: $35. **NONMEMBERS:** $50.

From the Field: Herbs Galore GB
Sunday, October 5 | 10AM-12NOON
Powisset Farm, Dover 508.785.0339
MEMBERS: $35. **NONMEMBERS:** $50.

World of Mushrooms Workshop NE
Sunday, October 5 | 1:30-3:30PM
Ravenswood Park, Gloucester 978.281.8400
MEMBERS: Adult $15. **NONMEMBERS:** Adult $20.

For the Pantry: Freezing, Blanching and Storing Greens GB
Sunday, October 12 | 10AM-12NOON
Powisset Farm, Dover 508.785.0339
MEMBERS: $35. **NONMEMBERS:** $50.

For the Pantry: Root Veggie Storage Tips and Tasty Recipes GB
Tuesday, October 14 | 5:30-7:30PM
Powisset Farm, Dover 508.725.0339
MEMBERS: $35. **NONMEMBERS:** $50.

Harvest Table NE
Friday, October 17 | 6-8PM
Appleton Farms, Ipswich 978.356.5728 x12
MEMBERS: $60. **NONMEMBERS:** $65.

Cranberry Picking & Canning Workshop NE
Wednesday, October 22 | 2-6PM
Castle Hill on the Crane Estate, Crane Wildlife Refuge on the Crane Estate, Ipswich 978.810.5892
MEMBERS: $30. **NONMEMBERS:** $50; limited to ages 15 and older. Pre-registration required.

From the Fields: Farm-tastic Desserts GB
Sunday, November 2 | 10AM-12NOON
Powisset Farm, Dover 508.725.0339
MEMBERS: $35. **NONMEMBERS:** $50.

From the Field: Sumptuous Sides GB
Tuesday, November 4 | 10AM-12NOON
Powisset Farm, Dover 508.785.0339
MEMBERS: $35. **NONMEMBERS:** $50.

Thanksgiving on the Farm NE
Wednesday, November 5 | 6-9PM
Appleton Farms, Ipswich 978.356.5728 x12
MEMBERS $75. **NONMEMBERS** $85.

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For the Pantry: GB
Sauerkraut and Kimchi
Tuesday, November 11 | 10AM–12NOON
Powisset Farm, Dover 508.785.0339
MEMBERS: $35. **NONMEMBERS:** $50.

From the Fields: Winter Soups GB
Sunday, November 23 | 10AM–12NOON
Powisset Farm, Dover 508.725.0339
MEMBERS: $35. **NONMEMBERS:** $50.

Gifts from the Farm Kitchen NE
Saturday, December 6 | 3–6PM
Appleton Farms, Ipswich 978.356.5728 x12
MEMBERS: $75. **NONMEMBERS:** $85.

NatureSnap: Photography Workshop B
Sunday, September 14 | 7–11AM
Field Farm, Williamstown
RSVP Required. 413.632.1631 x10
MEMBERS: $25. **NONMEMBERS:** $35.

En Plein Air: Outdoor Painting Workshop/Oil and Acrylic SE
Bring your own materials and lunch for final critique.
Saturday, September 27
(rain date Sunday, September 28) | 9AM–1PM
Register: 774.302.0779
Lyman Reserve, Bourne
MEMBERS: FREE. **NONMEMBERS:** $20.

Artful Scarecrow-Building Workshop with Michael Melle PV
Saturday, November 1 | 1–4PM
Bullitt Reservation, Ashfield
MEMBERS: $85 per scarecrow.
NONMEMBERS: $95.

Volunteer Opportunities

Time in your schedule to feel good by doing good? We've got a best of volunteer opportunities for folks of all ages. Whether you've got time for a weekly gig or just a couple of hours, we could use your time and talent. Grab a friend or five and sign up today. Research is a little-known secret that volunteering is also a great way to meet new, well-connected people. All volunteer descriptions are here.

Eco-Volunteers B
Thursdays | 9AM–12NOON
Bartholomew's Cobble, Sheffield
413.229.8600
MEMBERS & NONMEMBERS: FREE.

Notchview Tuesday Trail Team B
Second and fourth Tuesdays, September–November | 9AM–12:30 PM
Notchview, Windsor 413.684.0148
MEMBERS & NONMEMBERS: FREE.

Teen Tuesdays on the Farm GB
Tuesday, September 23 | 3–5PM
Tuesdays
Weir River Farm, Hingham 781.740.7233
MEMBERS & NONMEMBERS: FREE.

Naumkeag Leaf Team B
Thursdays | 9AM–12NOON
October–November
Naumkeag, Stockbridge
413.298.3239 x3020

Notchview Trail Work Days B
Saturdays, October 25 and November 15
9AM–12:30PM
Notchview, Windsor 413.684.0148
MEMBERS & NONMEMBERS: FREE.

Wednesday Work Days at Doyle C
Year-round | 9:30–12:30PM
Doyle Reservation, Leominster
978.840.4446 x 1921
MEMBERS & NONMEMBERS: FREE.

Special Events

[illegible] Halloween Party [illegible] Come dressed [illegible] your [illegible] family and make the [illegible] to [illegible] time.

Make a Mytoi: The Cattle Drive I
Saturday, September 6 | 5:30–7PM
Mytoi, Chappaquiddick 508.693.7662
MEMBERS: $5. **NONMEMBERS:** $10.

[illegible] NE
Monday, September 8 | 7–10PM
Castle Hill on the Crane Estate, Ipswich
978.810.5892
MEMBERS: $50. **NONMEMBERS:** $65.
This is a 21 and over event.
Pre-registration is required.

[illegible] GB
Saturday, September 13 | NOON–2PM
Francis William Bird Park, Walpole
978.921.1944
MEMBERS & NONMEMBERS: FREE.

Fall Planting Demonstration B
Saturday, September 13 & Sunday, September 14 | 10AM–5PM
Naumkeag, Stockbridge 413.298.8138
MEMBERS: FREE. **NONMEMBERS:** $15.

Peaked Mountain Run PV
Saturday, September 20 | 10:30AM
Peaked Mountain, Monson
413.532.1631 x21
Pre-registration: $20;
Day-of: $30.

[illegible] Family Farm Day NE
Sunday, September 21 | 10AM–3PM
Rain or shine.
Appleton Farms, Ipswich 978.356.5728
MEMBER CAR: $20. **NONMEMBER CAR:** $25.

Naumkeag B
Thursday, September 25 | 5–7PM
Naumkeag, Stockbridge 413.298.3239
MEMBERS AND NONMEMBERS: $20.

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Saturday, September 27 | 9AM
Francis William Bird Park, Walpole
978.921.1944
Pre-registration: $25; Day-of: $30.
Children's race: $5.

[illegible] PV

Saturday, September 27 | 12NOON–6PM
Land of Providence, Holyoke
413.532.1631 x10
Adults: $5. Children: $3.

[illegible] NE

Saturday, September 27 | 10AM–3PM
Moraine Farm, Beverly 978.969.1738
MEMBERS & NONMEMBERS: FREE.

[illegible] NE

Sunday, September 28 | 10AM–2PM
Stevens-Coolidge Place, North Andover
978.689.9105 x1
MEMBERS & NONMEMBERS: FREE.

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Tuesday, September 30 | 6:30PM
Castle Hill on the Crane Estate, Ipswich
978.356.4351 x4050
MEMBERS: $30. **NONMEMBERS:** $40.

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Wednesday, October 1 | 1–4PM
Castle Hill on the Crane Estate, Ipswich
978.356.4351 x4050
MEMBERS & NONMEMBERS: FREE.
Up to three items.

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Saturday, October 4 | 10AM–2PM
Weir River Farm, Hingham 781.740.7233
MEMBERS: Adult $5; Children FREE.
NONMEMBERS: Adult $8; Children FREE.

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Saturday, October 18 | 12NOON–4PM
Westport Town Farm, Westport
508.636.4693 x103
MEMBERS & NONMEMBERS: Adults: $5;
Children: FREE.

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Saturday, October 18 | 10:30AM–4PM
Mt. Warner, Hadley 413.532.1631 x10
MEMBERS & NONMEMBERS: FREE.

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Saturday, October 18
Tully Lake Campground, Royalston
978.249.4957
Individual: $40; Two-Person Team: $60;
Three-Person Team: $90;
Four-Person Team: $120.

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Sunday, October 19 | 12NOON–3PM
Ward Reservation, Andover 978.689.9105
MEMBERS & NONMEMBERS: FREE.

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Saturday, October 25 | 10AM–2PM
Weir River Farm, Hingham 781.740.7233
MEMBERS: FREE. **NONMEMBERS:** $3.
Children under age 2 are FREE.

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Saturday, October 18 | 3PM–Dusk
Bartholomew's Cobble, Sheffield
413.229.8600
MEMBERS & NONMEMBERS: $15 per pumpkin.

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Saturday, October 25 | 5PM
Wasque, Chappaquiddick 508.693.7662
MEMBER ADULT: $5; **NONMEMBER ADULT:** $10,
All Children: FREE.

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Saturday, October 25 | 11AM & 3PM
Rain Date: Sunday, October 26
With The Royal Frog Ballet Theater Troupe
Naumkeag, Stockbridge 413.532.1631 x10
MEMBERS: $10; **NONMEMBERS:** $15; Children $5;
Family Max $35.

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Sunday, October 26 | 11AM–3PM
Allen C. Haskell Public Gardens, New Bedford
774.992.7796
MEMBERS & NONMEMBERS: FREE.

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Sunday, October 26 | 5–7PM
Francis William Bird Park, East Walpole
508.668.6136
MEMBERS & NONMEMBERS: FREE.

[illegible] NE

Friday, November 7 | 7–10PM
Castle Hill on the Crane Estate, Ipswich
978.356.4351
MEMBERS: $50. **NONMEMBERS:** $60.

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Saturday, November 8 & Sunday, November 9 | 10AM–4PM
Castle Hill on the Crane Estate, Ipswich
978.356.4351
MEMBERS & NONMEMBERS: FREE.

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Sunday, November 16 | 12NOON
Rock House, West Brookfield 413.532.1631 x21
MEMBERS AND NONMEMBERS: $30.

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Saturday, November 29 | 10AM–2PM
Long Point Wildlife Refuge, West Tisbury
508.693.7662
MEMBERS AND NONMEMBERS: $10/family
(suggested donation).

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Through October 20
Tully Lake Campground, Royalston
978.249.4957

[illegible] NE

Friday, December 5 | 5–9PM
Castle Hill on the Crane Estate, Ipswich
978.356.4351
MEMBERS: $20. **NONMEMBERS:** $25.

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Saturday, December 6 through Sunday, December 7 | 11AM–5PM
Castle Hill on the Crane Estate, Ipswich
978.356.4351
MEMBERS: Adult $10; Child $5.
NONMEMBERS: Adult $15; Child $8. Ipswich
residents: $8 with proof of residency.

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Sunday, December 14 | 3PM
Castle Hill on the Crane Estate, Ipswich
978.356.4351 x4015
MEMBERS: $20. **NONMEMBERS:** $25.

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Saturday, December 20 | 4–6PM
Ravenswood Park, Gloucester 978.281.8400
MEMBERS: $5. **NONMEMBERS:** $10.
Children: FREE. Pre-registration requested.

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Sunday, October 19 | 3:30–5PM
Naumkeag, Stockbridge
413.532.1631 x10. Seating Limited –
RSVP encouraged.
MEMBERS: $5. **NONMEMBERS:** $10.

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Friday October 31 | 7:30–9:30PM
Lyman Reserve, Bourne
Recommended for children 10 and up.
MEMBERS & NONMEMBERS: FREE.

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Tours & More

Looking to try something different this weekend? Look no further. There's a Trustees tour to tempt every type of interest. If you dig art or architecture, lighthouses or landscapes, we've got the outing for you. And most of them are suitable for both kids and adults.

Cape Poge Natural History Tour I
Through Columbus Day | 1:30PM
Friday-Sunday
Cape Poge Wildlife Refuge, Chappaquiddick
508.627.3599
MEMBERS: Adult $25. **NONMEMBERS:** Adult $35.
All Children (15 and under): $18.

Beyond the Great House NE
Saturday, September 13 | 9:30–11:30AM
Saturday, October 4 | 9:30–11:30AM
Castle Hill on the Crane Estate, Ipswich
978.356.4351 x4050
MEMBERS: Adult $15; Child: $5.
NONMEMBERS: Adult $25. Child: $15.

Art & Architecture Tour B
Saturday, September 13 & 27
Tours at 12NOON and 1PM
Field Farm, Williamstown 413.458.3135
MEMBERS: FREE. **NONMEMBERS:** $25.

Choate Island Tours NE
Sundays, September 14, 21 & 28, October 5 | 2–5PM
Crane Wildlife Refuge on the Crane Estate, Ipswich 978.810.5892
MEMBERS: $20. **NONMEMBERS:** $30.
Children under 12: FREE.

Cape Ann Pedal Power! Bicycle Tour NE
Sunday, September 21 | 9AM–1PM
Halibut Point Reservation, Manchester/Rockport 978.281.8400
MEMBERS: $30. **NONMEMBERS:** $50.
Recommended for 12 and up.

Fall Foliage Canoe Trips B
Sundays, September 21 & 28
Saturday, October 4 | 9AM–12NOON
Bartholomew's Cobble, Sheffield
413.229.8600
MEMBERS: Adult $24; Child (age 10-16) $12.
NONMEMBERS: Adult $30;
Child (age 10-16) $15.

House & Garden Tours B
Through October 13 | 10AM–5PM
Naumkeag, Stockbridge
413.298.8138
MEMBERS & CHILDREN: FREE.
NONMEMBERS: $15.

Hot & Cold Tours NE
Every other Wednesday through October 16 | 5–6:30PM
Castle Hill on the Crane Estate, Ipswich
978.356.4351 x4049
MEMBERS: $15. **NONMEMBERS:** $20.

The Great House Revealed NE
Tuesdays–Thursdays through October 18
10AM–4PM (last tour at 3PM)
1 hour tours on the half-hour.
Fridays & Saturdays | 10AM–2PM
(last tour at 1PM)
Castle Hill on the Crane Estate, Ipswich
978.356.4351 x4049
MEMBERS: $7. **NONMEMBERS:** $12
Child 12 & under FREE.

Castle Hill Estate Tours: The Designed Landscape NE
Thursdays & Saturdays through October 18 | 11AM & 1PM
Castle Hill on the Crane Estate, Ipswich
978.356.4351 x 4049
MEMBERS: Adult $10; Child (12 & under) FREE.
NONMEMBERS: Adult $15; Child (12 & under) FREE. Combined Great House & Estate tour ticket: **MEMBERS:** $12. **NONMEMBERS:** $22.

Lyman Reserve House Tour SE
Saturday, November 1 | 9AM–2PM
Lyman Reserve, Buzzards Bay
774.302.0779
MEMBERS & NONMEMBERS: FREE.

Natural History Tours I
Through Columbus Day/Daily
9AM–12NOON & 1–4PM
Coskata-Coatue Wildlife Refuge, Nantucket
508.228.6799
MEMBERS: Adult $40.
Child (12 and under) $20.
NONMEMBERS: Adult $60.
Child (12 and under) $20.

Christmas on Main Street B
Saturday & Sunday, December 6 & 7
11AM–4PM
Mission House, Stockbridge
Visit stockbridgechamber.org
for tickets & event details.

1820s Holiday House Tour GB
Sunday, December 7 | 1PM & 3PM
Old Manse, Concord
978.369.3909
MEMBERS: $10. **NONMEMBERS:** $15.

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Learn something new and enjoy your favorite Trustees reservation at the same time on these special REI Outdoor School programs. For more information and to register, visit www.thetrustees.org/REI.

Naturalist SUP Tour
September 5 | 5:30–8:30PM
Charles River, Needham

Essential Camping Skills
September 6, October 11, November 16
9AM–3PM
Rocky Woods, Medfield

Introduction to Mountain Biking
September 6, November 9, December 7 | 9AM–3PM
Rocky Woods, Medfield

Introduction to Outdoor Photography Composition and Technique
September 6, November 8 | 9AM–3PM
Worlds End, Hingham

Full Moon Paddle
September 6 | 6:30–9:30PM
Charles River, Needham

Learn to Kayak with Tour
September 13 | 9AM–3PM
Charles River, Needham

Backcountry Navigation with Map & Compass
September 13, October 5, November 8, December 6 | 9AM–3PM
Rocky Woods, Medfield

Introduction to Coastal Kayak
September 14 | 9AM–3PM
World's End, Hingham

Learn to Kayak
September 20 | 9AM–12NOON & 2:30–3:30PM
World's End, Hingham

Fall Color Outdoor Photography
September 20 | 9AM–1PM
Rocky Woods, Medfield

Learn to Kayak
September 28 | 9AM–12NOON
Crane Wildlife Refuge

Fall Color Outdoor Photography
October 4 | 9AM–1PM
Rocky Woods, Medfield

Introduction to Mountain Biking
October 4 | 9AM–3PM
Rocky Woods, Medfield

Fall Color Photography
October 18 | 9AM–1PM
Rocky Woods, Medfield

Introduction to Outdoor Photography
October 19 | 9AM–3PM
Rocky Woods, Medfield

Wilderness Skills: 3-Season
October 25, November 22 | 9AM–3PM
Rocky Woods, Medfield

Sunset Photography
October 26 | 4–7:30PM
November 9 | 3–6:30PM
World's End, Hingham

Sunrise Photography
November 15 | 6–9:30AM
World's End, Hingham

Backcountry Navigation with GPS
November 22, December 13 | 9AM–3PM
Rocky Woods, Medfield

Introduction to Winter Camping
November 29 | 9AM–3PM
December 13, December 20 | 9AM–2PM
Rocky Woods, Medfield

Wilderness Survival: Winter Skills
December 6, December 27 | 9AM–3PM
Rocky Woods, Medfield

Introduction to Outdoor Photography
December 7 | 9AM–3PM
World's End , Hingham

Winter Landscape Photography
December 13 | 9AM–1 PM
Rocky Woods, Medfield

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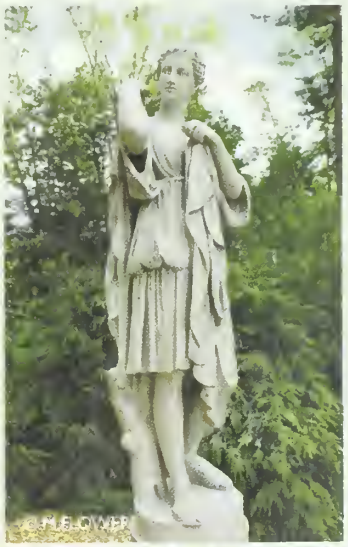

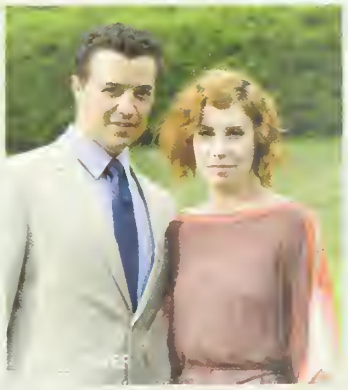

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Jay & Judy Keyes

by Jeff Harden

The Old Manse looms large in the lives of Jonathan "Jay" Keyes and his wife, Judy. In some ways, its presence is literal: The Georgian clapboard building that was a witness to the outbreak of the Revolutionary War and a hub for some of the 19th century's most celebrated minds sits just across the Concord River from the couple's home, and you can see Old North Bridge through their windows.

But the Keyes' connection to the historic home is based on much more than proximity. "My involvement with the Old Manse probably began when I was seven or eight years old," says Jay, a fourth-generation Concord resident, "and I'm now almost 80."

In the 1930s, illness kept the Old Manse's then-owners absent and the building itself vacant, but Jay's grandmother convinced them to let her open the house and charge visitors 10 cents each to experience the building's rich history up close. And after The Trustees purchased the property in 1939, both of his grandparents spent those first few summers living in the home and caring for it year-round. Keyes recalls visiting them on one summer day, falling into a small fish pool in a garden off to the left of the house, and nearly drowning. "I found myself in a bed upstairs, all wrapped up in blankets, and I thought I might expire from the heat," he says with a laugh.

Years later, the familial links to the Old Manse grew to include the Keyes' aunt Caroline Buttrick, who joined the Friends of the Old Manse committee—and dissuaded the folks leading the tours from wearing hokey 17th-century costumes. "She was a woman of very strong opinions," Judy says.

In the 1960s, Judy joined the committee herself, marking the start of the couple's nearly 50 years of hands-on involvement with The Trustees that continues today. The Old Manse was a gateway for the Keyes' broader, deeper commitment to The Trustees: Judy served stints with the standing committee, the historic resources committee, and headed the group charged with organizing The Trustees' centennial celebration, and today, Jay continues to serve on the Annual Giving Committee. Along with being active members of the Semper Virens Society, both husband and wife headed the Friends of the Old Manse committee at different points in time. "They had a terrible time bending the bylaws so that I could remain chairman," Jay says, "and finally, they couldn't bend them any further."

In contributing so much in their decades with The Trustees, Jay and Judy have become attuned—and pleased—with the organization's work far and beyond the preservation of their beloved neighbor in Concord. While they laud the organization's increased attention to historic homes and cultural institutions, they appreciate every aspect of the organization's mission, from stewarding open space in the Berkshires, to augmenting and restoring agricultural destinations like Appleton Farms, to securing oases in urban settings. "Just feeling like you're a tiny part of the overall effort is satisfying," Jay says.

But the Keyes' lifetime of service toward The Trustees' efforts always circles back to that place just across the river where it all began. "The Old Manse has so much depth, and it's unpretentious," Judy says. "It just sort of sits there to remind us all that life used to be a little bit different, and that slowing down wouldn't hurt."

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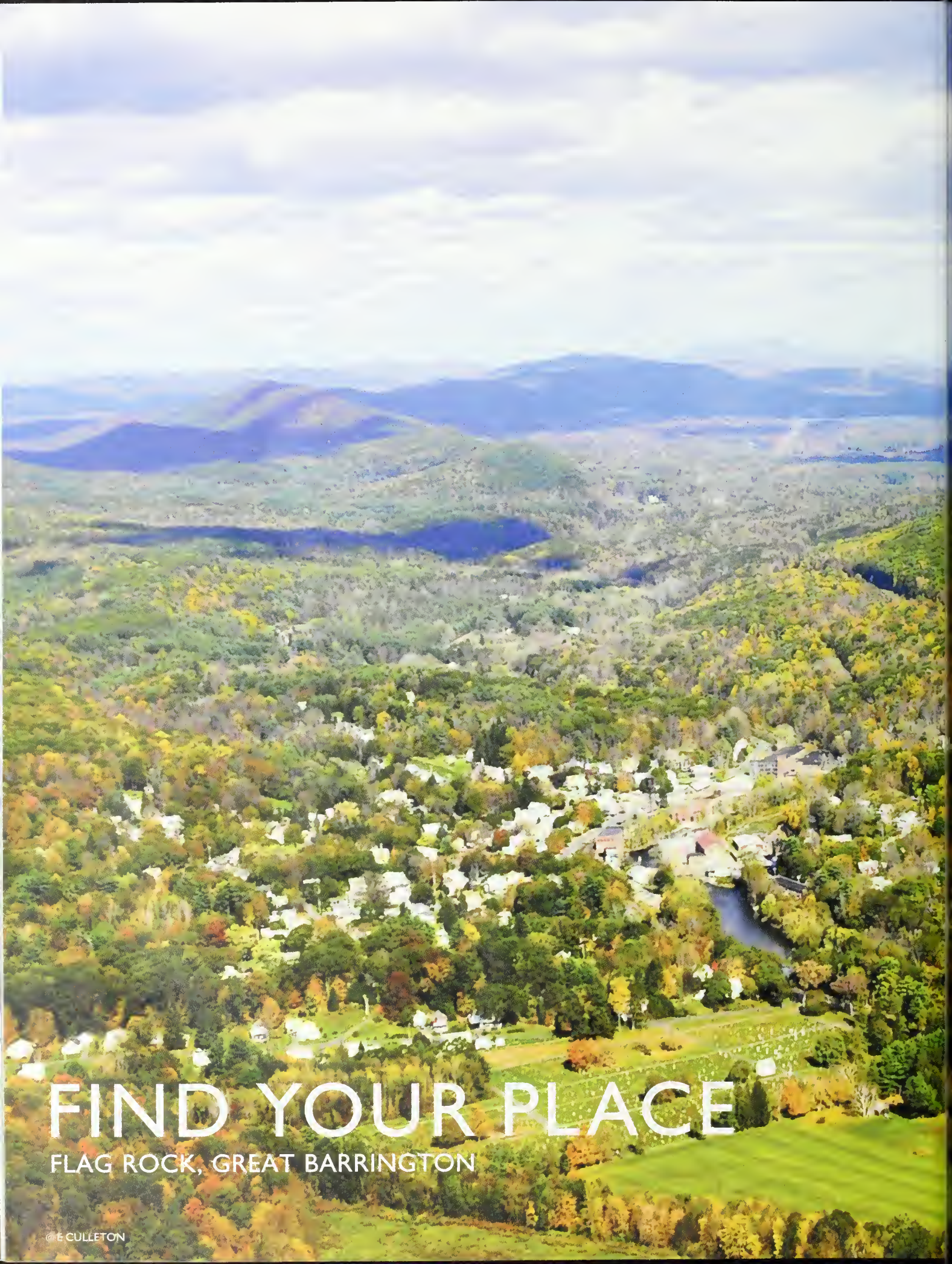
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